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PREFACE.

PREFACE.

THE contents of this Volume are drawn from two MSS. known in the Council Office Series as Elizabeth, Vol. II., and Elizabeth, Vol. III., and although the first of these has been already described in the Preface to Vol. VII., it may be well again to state that this fine MS., with which is bound up an *Index Nominum* of somewhat later date, is obviously a fair copy, and that the nature of many of the entries shows that the Clerks of the Council sometimes exercised their discretion in making up the record by combining under one entry the business transacted by the Council on several days, successive dates being given in the margin (p. 30). Unfortunately the record preserved in this MS. ends with an entry in March 1575–6, the exact date not being given, the preceding entry being for March 14, and the Register for the period between this and April 15 of the same year is lost.

Elizabeth, Vol. III., which then supplies the record, is a fine MS. in good order, nearly 16½ inches high by 11 inches broad, but evidently somewhat reduced in height by modern binding, and the entries are followed by a brief index of the same character as that which has been added to the previous volume.

This MS., the whole of which is reproduced in the present Volume, is evidently a fair copy, as corrections and erasures very seldom occur, though mistakes of the copyist, especially in the case of proper names, are not unfrequent, but it is again evident that the Clerks of the Council have sometimes compressed the record, as is shown by the references to Lords Arundel and Bedford on p. 151, and by several instances in which double or even treble dates are given for what might otherwise have been taken for a single meeting of the Council (pp. 203, 204, 386).

The period covered by this Volume coincides very nearly with the term of Sir H. Sidney's last Administration in Ireland. One of his biographers has said of him that he was four times a Lord Justice of Ireland and three times Lord Deputy, but there appears to be little doubt that although he was once, if not more than once, sole Lord Justice, he was only twice dignified

with the title of Lord Deputy, as is shewn in the list of the Chief Governors of Ireland given in the *Liber Munerum Publicorum Hiberniæ* in the College of Arms in Dublin Castle, the mistake no doubt arising from the record of the issue of a new Patent of Office for him on his return from a short leave of absence in 1568. Whilst no man had such experience of Ireland as Sidney, no man knew better how thankless was the duty imposed upon the unwilling rulers of this unfortunate country, and how certainly their advice, their demands for money and their petitions to be allowed to resign office would alike be disregarded by the Government at home. As Vice-Treasurer of Ireland and Treasurer of the Wars Sir Henry had served throughout Queen Mary's reign, and his reputation was already so well established that, in the absence of Lord Sussex, he was sworn as sole Lord Justice at the end of 1558.

At the accession of Elizabeth, however, he seems to have been for a short time in England, but the Queen at once sent him back to Ireland with the title of Justice and Governor of Ireland. From January to August 1559, Sidney remained in Ireland, being succeeded by Sussex as Lord Deputy in the autumn, and for the next five years the annals of Irish history are mainly devoted to the rivalry between the Geraldines and Butlers in Munster, the triumphant progress of Shane O'Neil to undisputed supremacy in Ulster, his incursions into Connaught and the Pale, and the unsuccessful attempts of the Lord Deputy to crush him by force of arms, and to compass his death by means of poison or the assassin's dagger.

One cause of the failure of the Administration of Lord Sussex was no doubt the disease which has too often sapped the strength of English Government in Ireland. Corruption and peculation were universal, the muster rolls were falsified, the soldiers were unpaid, and the wretched inhabitants of the English Pale were plundered alike by the ragged garrisons who were supposed to protect them and by the wild Irish.

So rotten was the whole system that when Sussex was recalled the government of the country was put into Commission, not under ordinary Lords Justices, but under two experienced English officials, whose first duty was to enquire into the notorious irregularities and malpractices by which the efficiency of the Administration was destroyed; and their report, in which no tenderness was shown even to the relatives of the

late Lord Deputy, revealed such a slough of dishonesty and undischarged liabilities that Sir H. Sidney, when pressed to undertake the government, was obliged to stipulate that the money which he demanded as absolutely necessary for the due conduct of his Administration should not be trenched upon to defray the obligations contracted by his predecessor, whom he generously described as the victim of an evil tradition. Other stipulations, too, Sir Henry made which were more personal in their nature, showing that even then he hoped soon to be allowed to exchange the stormy atmosphere of Ireland for a more peaceful sphere of labour at home, but the Queen was determined that he should undertake the duty, and readily agreed to most of his proposals.

Landing in Ireland in January 1566, Sidney at once appreciated that the power of O'Neil must at any cost be crushed, and although, after all the fair promises on which he had relied on taking office, he had many months to wait for the necessary men and money, his predecessor most ungratefully working against him at the Council Table in London, in two brilliant campaigns he completely broke the power of the Ulster chieftain and drove him into the camp of his "Redshank" or Scottish enemies near Glenarm, where a drunken brawl soon offered an opportunity of delivering Ireland from his pretensions for ever.

In the course of these campaigns not only Ulster, but Connaught also had seen with surprise the march of a victorious English army, but when O'Neil was disposed of, it was in Munster that the Lord Deputy's most serious difficulties existed. There the Southern branch of the Geraldines, closely allied with the powerful Leinster house of Kildare, had long been at feud with the Butlers, whose chief, Lord Ormonde, had been a playmate of King Edward VI. and was not without his supporters at Court. Into the merits of the dispute the Lord Deputy declined to go, and though the Queen was urgent that he should decide in Ormonde's favour, Sir Henry, who seemed to think that the faults were not all on Lord Desmond's side, saw the dangers that would be caused if the Leinster Geraldines, whose loyalty had always been doubtful, should be led to join with their Southern kinsmen to resist the encroachments of a rival who was supported by the English Government.

Whilst, however, Lord Ormonde was in London pleading his cause before the Council the action of a handful of adventurers

from the West of England set the whole of the South and West of Ireland ablaze. Sir Peter Carew, Sir Richard Grenville, Humphrey Gilbert and their friends, men versed in war by sea and land, and endowed with that remarkable aptitude for combining commercial enterprise with military prowess which is first apparent in Englishmen of the Elizabethan era, and has since so profoundly affected the course of English history to the present times, had bought up old title deeds and revived old claims to lands in Munster and Connaught, and their attempts to take possession of what they called their property led to a general movement in which prelate and layman, landlord and tenant, Norman noble and Celtic chief, from Maccarthy More in the South to Tirlogh Lenogh, Shane's successor, in the North, combined to offer the sovereignty of Ireland to Philip of Spain. Ormonde was hastily sent over, all his demands being granted, but found on his arrival that the claims of the Adventurers affected even the property of his kinsmen, and openly said that his loyalty to England would not stand such a strain, and that he, too, would feel compelled to join the confederates unless the lands of the Butlers were preserved to them. From 1569 to 1571, the annals of Ireland contain little but monotonous records of slaughter and outrage, in which the English garrisons at least equalled if they did not surpass the cruelty of their Irish enemies. The Lord Deputy marched from Waterford to Limerick and Galway, and through Roscommon back to the Pale, burning and slaying without mercy as he went; but the waves of insurrection closed behind him, and when Sir Edward Fitton was made President of Connaught, Clanricarde and Thomond drove him out of Galway and took care that for the future his acquaintance with the Province should be confined to what he could see from the Bridge of Athlone, whilst in the South the Fitzmaurices, furious at Desmond's detention by the Government, threatened the city of Cork, and called upon the municipal authorities to refuse asylum to Lady Grenville and the other English fugitives.

Meanwhile the confederates were anxiously looking for assistance from Spain, but in spite of Stukeley's fallacious promises, Philip, with his own Ireland in the Netherlands, was not prepared to send an expedition so long as Elizabeth abstained from open interference in the Low Countries. It was, perhaps, a conviction that, so long as there was no chance of a

Spanish invasion, anyone else could go through the ordinary round of killing and burning which was the chief part of the duty of the Lord Deputy, which led Sidney to insist upon his recall in the spring of 1571.

From this date until 1575 the condition of Ireland went from bad to worse. Fitton, the President of Connaught, a lawyer called upon to act as a soldier, had resigned after a disastrous failure, and Sir John Perrot, a well-tried man of war who was sent over as President of Munster, found, like Sidney, that so long as his soldiers received their pay he was always a match for the rebels in the field, but that he could effect no permanent improvement in the state of the Province, and in spite of all his severities had but little real authority outside his own camp and the fortified towns.

In vain did the Queen try to find a fitting successor to Sir H. Sidney ; one and all refused the thankless office, and in the end Sir W. Fitzwilliam, who had acted as Lord Justice when Sidney was on leave in England, and again after his resignation, was at last induced with reluctance to retain office with the title of Lord Deputy.

Undeterred by the failure of the Western Adventurers in Munster, experienced soldiers though they were, the English Government committed the incredible folly of sanctioning two somewhat similar attempts in the North, and the successive failures of the so-called military colonies started by Sir Thomas Smith and Lord Essex justified the gloomy prognostications of Fitzwilliam, and reduced English authority in the North to a lower level than had been reached since the days of Shane O'Neil, whilst Desmond's escape from Dublin and triumphant return to his own country restored their natural leader to the Southern Geraldines. In the autumn of 1575, however, Sir H. Sidney was persuaded to return to Ireland, having been appointed Lord Deputy on July 31, 1575 (p. 11), and since chartered companies, military colonies and resuscitated title deeds had alike proved failures, undertook once more to try to reduce Ireland to submission to the Queen's authority by the means of a policy which, for good or evil, had at least the merit of continuity.

The prospect was not hopeful, as the Pale was mutinous, Munster defiant, Connaught in revolt and Ulster almost a desert. Knowing from old experience how low was the standard of the Irish Bar, Sidney stipulated in the first place that an

English lawyer of good repute should be made Lord Chancellor of Ireland, and selected for that post William Gerard, whom he had known on the Council of the Welsh Marches (p. 122). Sir John Perrot seems to have gone back to Wales (pp. 101, 317), and in his place Sir William Drury, a soldier of great distinction, was made President of Munster (p. 154), and a little later Sir Nicholas Malby, whose name has been frequently mentioned in the Register as doing service in Ireland, was appointed President of Connaught (p. 361). Several entries in the Register refer to Sir W. Fitzwilliam's return and the closing of his accounts (pp. 13, 15), but as usual the financial arrangements of Ireland were most involved and seem purposely contrived to conceal peculation and extortion, and the new Chancellor and the Auditor of Ireland were directed to make a return of all the debts owing to the Queen in Ireland, "with the qualities, habitations, and abilities of the debtors," accompanied by an opinion as to which of the debts were "sperat and which desperat" (pp. 74, 117, 119, 249, 309). Lord Kildare was in England under suspicion (p. 55), and he and Lady Kildare complained that in his absence his tenants were illtreated, and that it was difficult for him to obtain the means of support without the assistance of the Government (pp. 83, 276). In the Tower, too, was an Archbishop of Armagh appointed by the Pope (pp. 7, 31), one of three prelates who claimed the dignity at this time, and Sidney's first task on landing in Ireland was to march into Ulster in order to patch up an arrangement with Tirlogh Lenogh, the chief of the O'Neils (pp. 77, 78). From Ulster Sidney went to Cork, leaving the Pale to the care of the Bishop of Meath (p. 156), and after receiving professions of loyalty from all who had so recently been in open rebellion, with the exception of the Geraldine James Fitzmaurice who had gone abroad (p. 16), he proceeded to Connaught, where McWilliam Eughter, otherwise Shane Mac Oliverus, a chief of the Burkes, submitted to him (p. 156).

Thus in a few short months the new Lord Deputy had visited all four Provinces of Ireland, and was able to report that there was no open rebellion, but his letters, as printed in the Sidney Papers, give a better account of the pitiable condition of the country than can be gleaned from the brief entries in the Register, though when we note that a benefice in Galway was held by a student at Oxford (p. 152), we can understand how well

founded were Sidney's complaints as to the spiritual destitution of Ireland, most of the benefices being in the hands of the Crown, and considered merely as a means of providing revenue, and thus generally sold to the highest bidder. Many entries relate to the movement of treasure to Ireland (pp. 92, 158), for Sidney's system of government could not be carried on without money, and the garrisons, who no doubt lived principally on the cattle which they seized from the Irish, found that this diet required to be supplemented with bread, for which grain had to be procured from England (pp. 106, 264, 297). Artisans, too, were imported from England to assist in building the fortifications (p. 122); strange as it may appear, one entry records the flight of a London gunmaker's apprentice to Ireland, where possibly he thought that there would be no lack of employment for one of his trade (p. 151); a man-of-war was specially detached for service on the Irish coast (p. 226), the difficulties of the Channel passage being such that a detachment of troops under William Norris were seven weeks on their way back to England (p. 117); and as the inability of some of the officers serving in Ireland to pay for provisions supplied for the public service was a source of great inconvenience to the merchants (pp. 137, 176), the Council appealed to the Lord Mayor of London to see that the strict letter of the law was not insisted upon in such cases, and asked that special favour should be extended to those who were serving in Ireland (p. 212); but Sidney's attempts to enforce the payment of Cess in the Pale and in Munster, as the only means of supporting his garrisons without plunder, induced certain Irishmen to lay their grievances in person before the Council, the result being that Barnaby Scurlock and two others were sent to the Fleet, as it was held that their proceedings were an offence against the Royal Prerogative (pp. 344, 347, 349, 355), though it is noticeable that a subsequent entry seems to show that the Lord Deputy was advised not to be too severe in his demands (p. 386).

One reference to Lord Essex recalls the memory of his disastrous undertaking (p. 198), and another entry in which is mentioned the name of Sir N. Bagenal, the Marshal of Ireland, whose settlement at Newry was a model of successful colonisation, shows that in the spring of 1576 the Ulster chiefs still affected to be well disposed towards the Government (p. 277), though an entry in March as to an expedition in Connaught

indicates that Sidney had not been so successful there (p. 310), and soon after an entry relating to a letter to the Lord Treasurer as to "the preparation for Ireland," whither "for the preventing of some practice against that realm by foreign Princes," a special war chest of 10,000*l.* was to be sent (pp. 359, 360), shows that it was not then expected that Philip would much longer abstain from interference in Ireland.

During this period the entries in the Register referring to the struggle in the Low Countries mainly reflect one phase of Elizabeth's constantly varying disposition. Though Dutch refugees were provided for at Canterbury and Norwich (pp. 42, 108, 111, 161), but slight encouragement was given to the Prince of Orange, much irritation being caused by the attacks on English trade made by the Beggars of the Sea and their successors who were established at Flushing (pp. 15, 40), and as the love of adventure and plunder led many Englishmen either to join these freebooting patriots or to take service on the other side, steps were necessary to check the enlistment of such free lances under foreign Governments (pp. 30, 32, 34, 45). Dutch envoys were sent over in January, 1576; but the entries referring to the piratical conduct of the Flushingers continue (pp. 93, 102, 151, 168, 208, 213). A Dutch squadron was then seized in Torbay, the Vice Admiral being instructed to consult with the gentlemen in the neighbourhood how the ships and their crews might be "stayed without hazard or spoil of blood to such as shall take it in hand, with advice that he shall not attempt it unless it might well be done to some purpose of their annoyance and our benefit" (pp. 172, 183), an embargo was laid upon Dutch shipping in English ports (pp. 133, 191, 200, 251, 252), their trading vessels were stopped in the Channel and their crews distributed over the Cinque Ports, the cost of their maintenance being defrayed by the Dutch colonies in London and elsewhere (pp. 183, 191, 200, 376), whilst the Lord Mayor was directed to attach the persons of the merchants of Holland and Zealand who traded in London (pp. 192, 194, 235). Such action naturally enough provoked reprisals in the Low Countries (pp. 205, 232, 237), and several envoys were sent from England to try to arrange matters, amongst whom were Sir W. Winter, Robert Beale, a late Clerk of the Council, and the unlucky William Davison (pp. 96, 102, 130, 132, 144, 193). Trade with Holland was consequently almost at a standstill, but

the importation of fish from Egmont to London was permitted (p. 188). Meanwhile the command in the Narrow Seas was in but feeble hands (p. 170), and Henry Palmer, the Admiral, was at last superseded for want of energy, the Comptroller of the Navy, William Holstock, being selected for this important post (p. 173, 177); special provision was made for the wants of the Service (p. 164), and the numerous entries relating to the appointments of captains to individual ships and general instructions for the guidance of the Admiral show us that a Dreadnought, a Lion and a Swiftsure were already in the Royal Navy (pp. 175, 193, 194, 198, 207), though the names of the Achates, the Foresight and the Handmaid have disappeared from the Lists (pp. 38, 178, 193, 207, 226). So strong had the Dutch become in the Channel that it was not considered safe for single ships to venture to sea alone, and fleets of merchantmen were collected in the Thames to await convoy (pp. 162, 184, 187, 189, 193), a precaution the more necessary inasmuch as, in some instances, the English crews had allowed themselves to be overcome by their Dutch captors somewhat too easily, "a matter very evil taken by her Majesty as that that breedeth a very infamous slander to this realm that has always been accounted to excel other nations" (p. 189).

In addition to the ordinary Channel traffic the ships of traders resorting to Spain and Barbary were the prizes at which the enemies of Spain specially aimed, the lading being in some cases munitions of war (p. 282), and the English Admiral received explicit instructions to see to the security of this branch of our trade (pp. 193, 194, 198), whilst special privileges were given to the homeward bound ships which had been detained with others at Flushing (pp. 170, 172, 184). After a time, however, the pressure was relieved, the Channel Squadron was ordered back to Chatham (p. 210) and the result of a second mission from the Prince of Orange (p. 208) was that an arrangement was made between him and England which is given at considerable length in the Register (pp. 243, 244, 246). The imprisoned Dutchmen were released (pp. 250, 251, 258), their ships were set at liberty (p. 307), and even the export of arms to Holland was to a limited extent permitted (p. 251).

The numerous entries in the Register relating to trade denote both the commercial activity of the country and the constant, but often mistaken, efforts of the Government to interfere with

the action of the ordinary laws of supply and demand. The Commissioners for the Restraint of the export of Grain and Victuals are not so frequently alluded to as in recent years, but their action is invoked to prevent the exportation of grain from the maritime shires to the Low Countries (pp. 183, 219) and to Spain (p. 253), and it is evident that the corn trade was most jealously watched by the Council in the hope of preventing the "enhancing of prices" in the country (pp. 3, 6, 52, 66, 160), although their regulations were relaxed in order that the City of London might be duly supplied with food (p. 288), but the country justices were instructed to check the operations of "badgers" or corn factors (p. 219), and even the Bishop of Chichester and his Chancellor are summoned to appear before the Council to explain why permission had been given to ship certain grain from that port (p. 318), though an Irish ship was apparently, after enquiry, allowed to take malt and wheat in payment for herrings (pp. 318, 334), and the privilege to export grain claimed by the Island of Guernsey was admitted (p. 312). Several entries relate to the important trade in herrings from Holland to which allusion has already been made, and to the capture of Dutch fishing boats by hostile cruisers (pp. 217, 255, 276), and one notorious pirate condescended to pay attention to a vessel freighted with fish from Newfoundland (p. 209), the dangers of the seas being such that it was considered necessary that a ship should be well armed before undertaking a voyage to this Arctic region (p. 294). In a commercial community differences of opinion as to the terms of a bargain must constantly arise, and the Council was frequently engaged in settling disputes in which both Englishmen and foreigners were concerned, the matter in question being either decided at the Council Table or referred to arbitrators (pp. 40, 307, 314, 337, 343, 377), and the creditors of merchants with claims against foreign Governments were officially desired not to press their claims too importunately pending the representations of the foreign Ambassadors on their behalf (pp. 65, 78, 86, 154, 174, 224).

These questions were sometimes closely connected with the established practice of insuring goods in transit against loss by war and tempest which had long engaged the attention of the Council, and the Lord Mayor was reminded that he and his predecessors had been called upon to issue regulations with respect to the registry and rates of policies of insurance, which were

to be published "at some exchange time, when the merchants shall be most gathered together" (pp. 43, 163, 177), along with the authorised scale of registration fees, cases of peculiar difficulty being referred to a strong committee on which merchants and civil lawyers sat together (pp. 168, 230, 327).

This question, too, was to some degree connected with the practice of reprisal, as a claim was advanced by the merchant who had insured Alderman Osburne's goods against all risks to be recouped out of the Portuguese goods which Osburne had seized in reprisal under authority of the Admiralty Court (p. 90). A much more serious question of this nature, however, demanded the attention of the Council. The town of Dover, as one of the Cinque Ports, had arrested, under a writ of *Withernam* or reprisal, a Hamburgh shipmaster in order to enforce payment of an old debt, and also some citizens of Dunkirk for a similar cause, but this action was contested by the Steelyard, Hamburgh being a member of the Hanse, on the ground that by their Charter their members were not liable to such process in cases where they were neither principals nor sureties, pleading also that justice had never been denied to the complainant in Hamburgh (p. 201). The Lord Warden was therefore directed to see that the case for the Cinque Ports was properly presented to the Council, and a committee was appointed to consider the question, the result being that it was decided that the right of the Cinque Ports to issue writs of *Withernam* against members of the Hanse was not proved, though it was good against the inhabitants of Dunkirk and other places in Flanders, who were called upon to give security for the satisfaction of the claims made against them before they were released (pp. 215, 219, 228, 241, 247). In order, however, to obviate the international difficulties which the abuse of this process of law might entail, the Lord Warden was instructed in future to consult the Judge of the Admiralty Court before issuing a writ of *Withernam*, an Order in Council to this effect being published in all the Cinque Ports and their Members (pp. 254, 257).

The importance of the old staple industries of England, the exportation of wool and the manufacture of cloth at home, gives rise to many entries (pp. 43, 70, 106, 108, 206), as the conflicting interests of the Merchant Adventurers and the clothiers required the constant attention of the Council,

and the statutory regulations which were mentioned in the last Volume as being imposed upon the manufacturers seem to have been constantly evaded (p. 385), complaints being made as to the "deceitful making of cloth," whereby not only English bales of cloth were "little accounted of beyond the seas, but also the merchants by reason of their imperfection are daily great losers and not able to utter them" (p. 221). As the Statute imposed penalties for the breach of the regulations the trade of the informer flourished, but though it was held that a General Pardon had relieved the clothiers in the West from the danger of prosecution, the Council insisted that they should one and all contribute towards a fund to compensate an informer for the loss of the penalties which he would have recovered if the cases had come into Court (pp. 16, 73, 121, 204, 220, 263). It is satisfactory to see, however, that in addition to taking steps to recover the high reputation which had formerly distinguished English cloth in foreign markets, the Council sent out circular letters in favour of a Portuguese who had invented an improved system of manufacture and received a licence to travel for three months in "such parts of the realm where the mystery of clothing is most used" (p. 381).

Mention has already been made of the wool fleet (p. 162) which annually bore British fleeces to foreign looms, but the troubles in the Low Countries must have much interfered with the trade of the Merchants of the Staple, who were established at Bruges (p. 92), and the sack of Antwerp, the head-quarters abroad of the Merchant Adventurers, by the Spanish soldiery in 1577 caused great loss to English traders (p. 316). At home the condition of the wool trade was a source of concern to the Council (p. 223), the operations of brokers who bought up and "forestalled" wool were restricted, the scarcity in the supply being apparently attributed to this cause (pp. 366, 386), but one entry records that the Proclamation was not to affect the thriving industry already established in the town of Norwich (p. 281).

The price of French wines both in London and in the country was fixed by Proclamation (pp. 70, 123, 164), the regulation affecting alike the importers and the retailers, and such London merchants and victuallers as ventured to charge more than the specified maximum were sent to the Fleet and afterwards fined (pp. 128, 130, 132), the licence granted to the Vintners' Company being revoked (p. 176), both merchants and retailers

being compelled to give securities that they would obey the terms of the Proclamation (pp. 176, 180, 192, 240, 261). Nor was the beer trade exempt from interference, as the Council endeavoured to restrict the export of beer, "whereby the prices of bread and drink corn are said to be in many places much increased" (p. 281), and the use of wheat or wheaten flour by brewers throughout England was prohibited (p. 297), whilst the numerous malt kilns established in the town of Northampton were declared to be a nuisance to be abated (pp. 8, 345). At Gloucester the "excessive number of tippling houses" was such that the Council called upon the Mayor to "suffer no more than are licensed by Statute and law," and a return was called for of the number of inns, taverns and ale-houses in England and Wales with the view of setting a tax upon each one of them in order to defray the charges necessary for the repair of Dover Harbour, then, as now, a constant source of expense (pp. 344, 386).

The powerful Guilds of Trade in London and elsewhere are a great feature during this period; the Vintners' Company has already been mentioned, and other entries allude to similar Corporations, such as the Cappers of Lichfield (p. 36), the Merchant Taylors (p. 265), and the Goldsmiths (pp. 176, 262), who were required not to oppress members of their craft and also to take measures to prevent the export of gold bullion, and although an application of certain Feltmakers to be honoured by a Charter of Incorporation was apparently successfully resisted by the Haberdashers' Company, as, after reference to the Law Officers, no further mention is made of it, a Charter of Incorporation was granted to a new association of merchants who traded to Spain and Barbary (p. 282). This, however, was not altogether agreeable to the great and powerful Corporation of Merchant Adventurers, who feared that the trade which some of their members had long carried on with Spain, notwithstanding the activity of the Inquisition (p. 210), might be prejudiced by the monopoly granted to the newly-formed Company, and their opposition was only silenced by the admission on equitable terms of twenty-four of their members into the Corporation of Spanish Merchants (pp. 330, 331), the Crown securing the nomination of the President or Governor of the Society in Spain (p. 354).

No entries relating to the commercial activity of this period, however, are so interesting as the few lines which refer to

Martin Frobisher's voyages in search of the North-West Passage to the Golden East, a quest so often repeated without direct success and yet so indirectly important in its results, an adventure towards which the Queen was pleased "to contribute largely," the Council hoping that her Majesty's example would stimulate others in London and the Northern towns to join in the enterprise, as indeed had many of the Council, whilst the regulations restricting the movement of grain were specially relaxed in order to supply Frobisher with the biscuit necessary to provision his ship for this voyage to Cathay (pp. 302, 391).

It will be remembered that at the beginning of the reign Dr. Feckenham, the late Abbot of Westminster, the two Harpsfields, Dr. Weston and some others had been placed in detention, and after some years had at last been set at liberty under certain conditions which required constant appearances before the Privy Council, coupled with restrictions as to residence and the manner in which this liberty was to be employed, and several entries in the earlier portion of the present Volume refer to this arrangement, Dr. Feckenham's health being so bad as to require a visit to Bath (pp. 8, 54, 123, 147, 161); but later entries show that this licence was abused, as they allowed "certain of her Majesty's evil-disposed subjects to resort unto them, whom they have perverted in Religion" (p. 371), the result being that the relaxation was withdrawn, and Feckenham, Yonge, Harpsfield and Weston were sent to reside under the charge of certain high ecclesiastical personages who would be more likely to watch the actions of their guests than the owners of the houses in which they had hitherto lived (p. 388). The times, no doubt, were so critical that the greatest care was necessary, and this Volume of the Register is full of entries, too numerous to mention here, referring to gentlemen from Staffordshire and the West, some of them belonging to families who have been honourably distinguished to the present time for their attachment to the older form of Religion, who steadily refused to go to Church and attend the service as by law established. The proceedings adopted in these cases showed great tenderness for the consciences of these recusants, four Bishops being specially instructed to "commune" with them and to endeavour to remove their scruples, immediate release from detention being promised to any one of them who could produce a certificate of conformity from the Bishop to whose charge he was committed (p. 18); but

whilst urgent private business was constantly accepted as a sufficient reason for granting a temporary release from detention (pp. 18, 105, 110, 145, 348), the hospitality of the Bishops' palaces was soon followed by a less comfortable sojourn in the Fleet, the Gatehouse and the Marshalsea (pp. 41, 46, 93), where as usual close confinement soon affected the health of the prisoners (pp. 81, 367). Kindness and severity, however, seem to have been equally inefficacious to induce conformity in the cases of these gentlemen, only two instances being recorded in which the instruction of the Bishop had any effect (pp. 46, 75), although in one case the simple act of going to Church "without any further constraint of his conscience" would have been accepted as qualifying for a release (p. 295). It is evident, however, that these gentlemen were considered ineligible for the Commission of the Peace, as several entries relate to the removal of magistrates who refused to conform (pp. 233, 238), and one to an instance in which a magistrate who had been under suspicion was restored to the Commission upon certificate from the Archdeacon of London that "he, with his wife and divers of his family, did communicate upon Maundy Thursday last according to the order set down in the Book of Common Prayer" (p. 257), whilst at Hereford the municipal authorities were warned to see that in electing their Mayor they made choice of none but such "as will be contented to accept the oath appointed by the laws of the realm to be taken by such as be appointed to public offices, and such a one as is well-known to be a favourer of the Religion now established."

Several entries, too, relate to the abduction of a boy, probably the heir to considerable property, the fact being apparently that he was removed from the custody of his tutor by relatives whose conformity was doubtful, and the Council thought it advisable that he should be handed over to the Archbishop of Canterbury to be instructed in the form of Religion established by law (pp. 171, 224), a later entry showing that this experiment resulted in a satisfactory issue, as it is stated on the Archbishop's authority that he had become "very conformable, and that there is good hope of the continuance thereof" (p. 236).

The authorities were compelled to keep a close watch on the importation of seditious books (pp. 35, 37), and on the movements of suspected Papists (p. 234). Certain "Mass-priests"

and others arrested in Essex were sent up to the High Commissioners (pp. 255, 256), and some of the Catholic refugees who had found temporary asylum at Louvain and Douay ventured to return to England, bringing with them "diverse Popish books and trumperies" (p. 248). Steps were necessary to prevent the use of the Mass in private houses (pp. 305, 329), and a domiciliary visit to the house of a Cornish gentleman led to the apprehension of a priest who was there harboured in the disguise of a domestic servant, in whose room were found "Bulls, Indulgencies and divers other relicques used in Popery," and "such like pernicious trumperies" (pp. 364, 375, 390). It is, however, satisfactory to see that the widow of Dr. Story, who had been kidnapped in the Low Countries and executed on his arrival in England, was to be allowed to live in peace if she could show that she was not implicated in any attempts to subvert the existing order of things in Church and State (p. 329), though others who were suspected of carrying messages between the disaffected at home and abroad were called upon by the High Commissioners to find security for their good behaviour (p. 269).

The colonies of refugees from the Low Countries who were established at Canterbury, Norwich, Colchester and other towns were carefully looked after by the Council, it being found that the local artisans somewhat resented their competition (pp. 42, 108, 111, 161); but the form of Religion which they generally affected must have been distasteful to a Government which still restricted the sale of butcher's meat in Lent (p. 62), requiring the French Ambassador to produce evidence as to his wife's health before granting a licence for the supply of poultry to his household at this season (p. 300), issuing instructions for the observance of "Fish Days" throughout the country, and calling upon the Judges of Assize to see that these orders were obeyed (pp. 249, 260, 275, 289). Meanwhile the tenants on ecclesiastical estates required in many cases much pressure to compel them to pay the rents for the land which they held, no doubt, on easy terms (pp. 27, 30, 48, 63, 308), and an entry as to the Dean and Chapter of Bath and Wells doubtless refers to a lease of some of their property which, as was stated in the last Volume, Lord Henry Seymour had succeeded in obtaining (p. 21); but it is evident that Ecclesiastical Corporations were not always the best of landlords, as the intervention of the Council was repeatedly invoked to compel the Dean and

Chapter of Durham to observe the terms of an arrangement which had been approved by the Government and by the President of the North, the question of tenure being in this instance complicated by the obligation of military service for the defence of the Borders (pp. 90, 140, 169, 291, 313).

The matrimonial cases which were referred to the Ecclesiastical Courts were usually of a very sordid nature, as the interference of the Archbishop and the Dean of the Arches was usually invoked to protect the wife and her property against the waste and mismanagement of a husband who had obtained possession of his wife's estates and yet refused to contribute to her maintenance, one very bad case being repeatedly referred to in the Register, but occasionally it is the misconduct of the wife which calls for interference (pp. 36, 39, 96, 107, 113, 144, 148, 312, 338, 356).

The disgraceful system by which the sale of presentations to livings in Ireland was utilised to increase the revenue of the Crown has already been noticed, but it does not appear that the same charge can be made with reference to the ecclesiastical patronage of the Crown in England, though during this reign the hands of some of the Bishops were not clean in this respect, and it was found necessary to warn the Bishop and Chapter of Wells that no one was qualified to be made a "Prebendary Residenciary," who could not preach, and was not a Bachelor of of Divinity or Law, or at least a Master of Arts (p. 21), but some curious entries relate to a claim advanced by the Crown to certain advowsons in the Isle of Wight, which was contested by a private patron (pp. 384, 387). The Crown held that in the case of the election of a Fellow in a Cambridge College, the Royal letter of recommendation overrode their Statutes, as the Queen "may dispense with all such Statutes and is the very patron of all their privileges" (p. 161), and the Council attempted to compel such of the clergy in the Dioceses of Worcester and Hereford, "as have many benefices, be non-resident, or keep no hospitality," and "such as have not in their churches the sermons required by the laws," to contribute towards the repair of a bridge over the Severn, hoping thereby to "repair both the bridge and the faults of the clergy" (p. 104).

The Volume opens with a notice of a complaint to be forwarded by the Judge of the Admiralty Court to the French Ambassador as to "certain spoils committed by them of

St. Malowes" (pp. 5, 80), but after this our own countrymen are mainly responsible for the constant entries referring to piracy, though the corsairs of Rochelle are once mentioned (p. 71). In January 1575–6, a notorious pirate named Callice is first alluded to (p. 73), and from that date until the end of the Volume the proceedings against him and his accomplices give rise to more entries in the Register than can be here enumerated. In the West the Admiralty Court was notoriously weak (p. 196), and in Wales it is evident that the pirates enjoyed great facilities for disposing of their booty (pp. 97, 102, 127, 129, 267), a Special Commission was sent down to make enquiry into this practice, several prominent Welsh gentlemen being summoned to give evidence or explanations before the Council (pp. 84, 267, 268, 298, 317, 332, 339, 373, 379), but in Weymouth and the Western seaports, and even in London itself, the trade in pirates' booty went on (pp. 139, 155, 293, 365, 366), and the authority of the Council seems to have been unable to curb the propensity to wrecking in the West, even amongst the upper classes (pp. 28, 42). Many complaints were also made by French subjects, in one case Richard Grenville and William Hawkins being accused by a merchant of St. Malo (pp. 111, 130, 132, 229, 259, 269), and complaints from Scotland were very carefully considered by the Council, as it was then thought most important that good relations should be maintained with that Kingdom (p. 377), a charge of piracy against certain Scots being dismissed after careful examination (pp. 270, 337, 341), some Englishmen being also released who had been imprisoned on suspicion (pp. 377, 391). Legal difficulties which seem to have arisen as to the action to be taken against "receivers of pirates' goods and maintainers of them in their lewdness" (p. 359) must have hindered the recovery of the spoil, and much confusion must have been caused by the letters of marque and reprisal granted to those who alleged that they had been spoiled by foreigners (p. 237), such irregular commissions being issued against Dutchmen, Frenchmen and Portuguese (pp. 25, 47, 57, 65, 85, 200, 204, 231, 279), though "certain books marked with the arms of the Cardinal of Portugal, the King's uncle, and sent unto him of gift out of the Low Country" were to be restored, "as their Lordships would be loth that in so small a matter any advantage should be taken against so noble a man as a King's uncle" (p. 21).

In 1577 the Lord Warden appears to have officially submitted a scheme whereby the Cinque Ports were to be allowed "to set forth shipping at their own charges for the repressing of such pirates as do infest these parts" (p. 348), the audacity of the corsairs being such that they even ventured to board "an Argosy" in the Thames (pp. 216, 218, 223, 226, 256). Much of the damage was no doubt done by those Englishmen whose engagements under foreign Governments were a source of such concern to the Council (pp. 28, 29, 30, 32, 34, 45), and their depredations, and those of the Flushing squadron, might perhaps be described as necessary incidents of the struggle between Spain and the Low Countries, in which each contending party endeavoured to cut off the supplies of the enemy; but it is evident that a badly armed vessel, whatever might be her nationality, cargo or destination, had but little chance of escaping the dangers of the Narrow Seas. Dead men tell no tales, and when once the crew was overboard or sold to the Turks (p. 65), and the cargo disposed of in a foreign port, it was but seldom that the corsairs could be brought to justice. To kill and plunder, however, in the Channel was one thing, but to do the same on the Spanish Main was another, and though we note that the designs of certain Welsh and Western Adventurers to fit out expeditions were frustrated (pp. 382, 389), it must not be forgotten that the Pelican, soon to be famous as the Golden Hind, was, with her consorts, now fitting out in Plymouth, and that it was in November, 1577, only a few months after the close of this Volume, that Francis Drake was allowed to set sail on his famous voyage through the Straits of Magellan to the Pacific, an expedition in which the Queen and many of her advisers were largely interested, and which was to have so great an effect in determining once for all the doubtful relations between Spain and England.

With the exception of the entries referring to the depredations of pirates of both nations there is but little mention during this period of the relations between France and England. Ambassadors come and go (pp. 41, 78, 194, 213). Care is taken that the French king's letters are not detained in transit (p. 182), but nothing is said as to the matrimonial hopes of Alençon, the heir to the French Crown, who hoped to win Elizabeth's hand, nor of the continual struggle between Catholic and Huguenot, in which he was one of the factors, which had so great an influence on the course of events in the Low Countries.

Again the Register gives us no hint of the ambitious designs of Don John and his hope of reducing England to subjection by means of an expedition from the Low Countries to depose Elizabeth and release the Queen of Scots, who was to reward her deliverer with the position of King Consort of England. All this was known to Burghley at the time, but the entries as to Mary are chiefly confined to an account of the proceedings against certain thieves who had robbed her of money and jewels (pp. 124, 135, 147, 149, 151). The relations with Scotland too were most satisfactory, the Wardens on each side of the Border combining their forces to put down the "broken men" who were a constant source of trouble (pp. 49, 68, 89), special mention being made of the Raid of the Reidswire (p. 34), and all complaints of Scots against Englishmen, especially in the matter of piracy, received most careful attention in order that "it may appear unto their Lordships and the Lord Regent how carefully (*sic*) her Majesty is to do them justice" (p. 364).

Questions as to the ownership of land were constantly referred to at the Council Table, arbitration being the means generally adopted to settle the disputes (*passim*), but the relations between landlord and tenant required careful handling, as many complaints were sent in as to the illegal enclosure of commons (pp. 55, 118, 167, 233, 284, 296, 323, 382), the destruction of Sir Thomas Gresham's newly-erected fence at Osterley Park being an instance of the methods then, as now, used by the commoners to assert their rights (pp. 125, 160, 167). The complaints of the tenants of the Dean and Chapter of Durham have already been alluded to, and the Council's interference was needed in other parts of the country also (pp. 52, 59), but the mention of Ludovic Greville's difficulties with his tenantry, into which Sir Thomas Lucy was, with others, directed to enquire, probably refers to a crime in which the landlord was himself implicated (pp. 50, 51, 180). Lords of the manor were very jealous of their rights, and Lord Riche, who was famous for his rapacity, seems to have oppressed his tenants grievously (p. 158), and also to have made certain claims to flotsam and jetsam on the foreshore of his manor which in the opinion of the Council were unfounded, and he was accordingly warned that the result of the enquiry which he demanded was not likely to be in his favour (pp. 217, 227).

One result of the disappearance of the Religious Houses was that roads and bridges, which had formerly been kept up by them, had now begun to fall into disrepair, and mention has already been made of an attempt to extract from the clergy the cost of repairing the bridge at Upton-on-Severn (pp. 17, 104), but in some cases, as at Wallingford (p. 89), the receipts of the toll to support the bridge were misappropriated, and the condition of the roads and bridges in Oxfordshire and Berks was such as to require the joint action of the University authorities and the magistrates of both counties (pp. 117, 121, 131, 135, 150), and one entry relates that a contribution was required from the counties of Huntingdon, Cambridge, Northampton, Norfolk and Lincoln towards "the scouring of the river of Wisbech," the supervision of the work being entrusted to the Bishop and the Dean and Chapter of Ely (p. 134).

The arrangements for the General Musters, and the "training of Shot" (*passim*), show that, though archery was still encouraged and "the Statute for artillery" revived (p. 386), as is also shown by the import of bowstaves (p. 159), the Council considered that a certain number of men in each county should be regularly exercised in the use of firearms, the cost of the necessary weapons and maintenance of the men during the training being defrayed by a rate levied according to the assessment books for the Subsidy in each county (*passim*). "Unlawful hunting" in Royal and private parks caused many a fray between keepers and poachers, Woodstock and Windsor being mentioned amongst others (pp. 5, 23, 43, 384), whilst Norfolk was even then the scene of many such encounters (p. 262), which doubtless in many cases were mainly attempts to recover the rights of common with which recent enclosures had interfered. The mention of the Hue and Cry (p. 218) reminds us that Maidenhead Thicket was long a favourite haunt of highwaymen, who even ventured to rob the Knight Marshal on his way to London (p. 222). The credulity of the rustic mind is shown by entries as to a madman who claimed to be a son of Henry VIII. (pp. 23, 299), and the ease with which an impudent impostor persuaded simple countrymen that the Crown demanded a third of every man's household goods, and exacted money from them as ransom for their pots and pans (pp. 265, 271, 283, 314); whilst in the North a boy was "suborned by his parents to counterfeit to be dumb and lame and to abuse the people," a superstitious element being

evidently connected with this case (p. 335). From the North too came gipsies with forged licences purporting to be issued by the Council at York, who infested Oxfordshire and Berks, and as the Assizes were over a Special Commission was sent down for their trial, their leader or king being apparently sentenced to death, whilst a Cheshire schoolmaster who had forged the licences and counterfeited the Great Seal of England was handed over to the Law Officers (pp. 304, 311, 314, 315, 321, 341). Genuine begging licences were however not unknown, as one was granted to a Borderer in consideration of his losses, and certain Hungarian gentlemen who had been prisoners with the Turks were allowed to ask the devotion of charitable people for the payment of their ransoms" (pp. 301, 357).

A few glimpses are also given in the Register of this period as to the course of Municipal life. At Oxford the great controversy as to the commemoration of the fatal riots on St. Scholastica's Day in 1354, of which mention was made in the last Volume, was still going on in spite of all the efforts of the Council to arrange it (pp. 338, 350, 352, 354), and whilst the Reformation had swept away the Masses which by the original compact the citizens were bound to provide for the souls of the slain gownsmen, the University did not scruple to excommunicate the townsmen for alleged breaches of the arrangement which had been drawn up by the Council; the case of the Mayoralty of Hereford has already been mentioned, and at Lynn the Council insisted upon a second election, as he that had first been chosen as Mayor, "had lately been noted before them in the Star Chamber for some undutiful misdemeanours in that town much to their slander" (p. 199), a passage which probably refers to the struggle, protracted through several centuries, in which the Municipality of Lynn endeavoured to shake off the yoke of the Bishop of Norwich, an entry as to the incorporation of Wells showing with what success the Church was even then able to hinder the growth of free Municipal institutions (p. 378). The constant difficulties as to the right to tolls and customs which arose between the twin towns of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, which had been united by Act of Parliament, could not be settled without a reference to the Council, which appointed a Committee to examine the documentary evidence produced on each side, it being noticeable that Weymouth is described as the "ancient domain

of the Crown and in possession of her Majesty" and that therefore its rights were not to be infringed (pp. 81, 82, 308, 361, 368).

The allusions to Civic life in London being mostly connected with commercial matters have already been touched upon, but it is evident that a bad harvest throughout England (pp. 210, 220) had caused great anxiety to the Municipal authorities, who were compelled to keep up a stock of provisions sufficient for the supply of the rapidly increasing population of the City and its Liberties (pp. 206, 219, 252, 288, 299). Measures were taken against sturdy beggars pretending to be discharged soldiers (p. 56), and the complaints of the Portuguese Ambassador show that the Recorder of London had forcibly entered the Ambassador's house in search of strangers unlawfully attending the service of the Mass, an excess of zeal which ended in the Recorder's being sent to the Fleet (pp. 229, 233), whilst the French Ambassador complained that "one Fox, a Minister," had been permitted to preach against him at Paul's Cross (p. 294).

One feature of the period covered by this Volume is that in consequence of Elizabeth's thrifty system of finance entries as to loans raised at home and abroad no longer appear, the solitary exception being the mention of a loan from the City of London (p. 10), but an entry as to a letter to the Lord Mayor "for a collection to be made for payment of the charges defrayed for the setting out and manning of two ships to the seas" (p. 210) is possibly an allusion to the practice which was to bear such evil fruit in a later reign.

Both in 1576 and the following year the Plague was no stranger in London, the Tower itself was infected (p. 163), and it was found advisable, both in the City and in the surrounding Liberties, to forbid theatrical performances during the heat of the weather (p. 388), and during the Queen's Progress in 1575 precautions were adopted in the neighbourhood of Woodstock to prevent the spread of the infection, the Fair at Woodstock being a source of great danger (pp. 14, 24); but a later reference to infection at Oxford (p. 392) must refer to the Black Assize in 1577, when an outbreak of gaol fever or typhus amongst the miserable prisoners spread amongst those in Court and swept away the High Sheriff and many of the principal men of the county.

The condition of prisoners was indeed pitiable in those days, and it is satisfactory to note that on the application of the Lieutenant of the Tower sundry "poor prisoners," who were probably unable to pay the fees demanded of them, some of whom are described as "committed for the Queen of Scots' causes," were released on condition of leaving the realm (pp. 53, 60), whilst the creditors of the poor debtors in the Queen's Bench were summoned to appear before a strong Commission in order that their claims might be compounded and arrangements made for the release of the unhappy prisoners (pp. 110, 209).

Of real criminals there was no scarcity, murders are constantly mentioned, "lewd words" still frequently entailed heavy punishment on those who ventured to speak disrespectfully of those in high places (*passim*), whilst the improvement in the coinage seems to have proved an irresistible temptation to many, as the Warden of the Mint received a General Commission to search for all "counterfeiters of money, clippers, shearers, washers, or in any manner of ways diminishers of her Majesty's coin" (pp. 105, 115, 116, 391), a "refiner of gold" in the Midlands getting into his hands "certain half sufferans, promising to make them as fine as angel gold, thereby alluding (*sic*) and abusing the people using his trade about Northampton and Leicester" (p. 133), the operations of these ingenious persons being not confined to London alone (pp. 52, 253, 278, 320), and in one case the excellence of the workmanship of the forger was so remarkable that he was transferred from the prison to the Mint itself, in order that his talents might not be lost to the State (pp. 300, 326).

The defalcations of the late Treasurer of Berwick, Sir Valentine Browne, give rise to many entries in the Register, as his successor seems to have found it impossible to reconcile his accounts with the supply of stores on hand, and it is evident that a great proportion of the provisions said to have been bought had never been delivered, though it is not so clear that the sellers had received payment from the Treasurer, who was released from the Fleet on bail in order that he might proceed to the North to unravel his complicated mass of accounts (pp. 4, 6, 10, 26, 33, 39, 49, 123, 143, 152, 167, 179, 256, 301), whilst the Chancellor of the Exchequer was directed to enquire into an allegation that certain payments due to the late garrison of

Guisnes had never yet been made, although the necessary funds had been paid over to Sir Valentine (p. 231). On the whole, though other traces of dishonesty appear (p. 237), the Register of this period does not contain so much evidence of corruption as is shown in earlier Volumes, though it is plain that the cumbrous system then in vogue for providing pay and provisions for soldiers was a premium upon dishonesty, both to commanders and victuallers, especially in Ireland.

Many entries in the Register refer to the Council in the Marches of Wales, of which Sir Henry Sidney, though absent in Ireland, was still the President, matters of importance being sent over for his consideration (p. 165). Mention has already been made of the piratical sympathies prevalent in the Principality, sympathies which culminated in forcible resistance offered in Cardiff to the officers of the Admiralty Court (p. 84), but it is evident that in other respects the administration of the Welsh Government was unsatisfactory (pp. 41, 66, 95), bribery was not unknown (p. 190), "new corruptions creeping among the inferior Ministers there," and new regulations were drawn up for the Court of the Marches as to which the Lord Deputy of Ireland was requested to consult with his Chancellor, who had formerly held office in the Welsh Council (p. 165). The new rules were no doubt an improvement on the existing system, as the Welsh officials at once began to complain of loss of fees, and the Vice-President was therefore directed to enquire into the whole system of fees, and the warrants under which they were exacted (p. 352). The consolidation of the Civil and Criminal business of the Welsh Circuits was also attempted (p. 359), and two entries seem to refer to a scientific survey of the Principality, the Welsh Justices being required to see Christopher Saxton "conducted unto any tower, castle, high place, or hill" to view each portion of the country, and to take care that on leaving each place he was to be provided with "a horseman that can speak both Welsh and English to safe conduct him to the next market town" (pp. 94, 159).

Amongst matters of lesser importance we observe that the growing extravagance of the period called for a Proclamation for "the reforming of the excessiveness of apparel" (p. 320), and that the Queen's liking for dramatic performances is still shown by the frequent payments made by the Treasurer of the Chamber for

plays performed before her, the usual payment of 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* being in many cases exceeded (pp. 67, 68, 71, 81, 94, 95, 270, 280, 293), whilst the Queen's favourite amusement of bear-baiting gives rise to several entries relating to Paris Garden (pp. 9, 335, 360).

A domestic incident such as the ill-treatment of a maid-servant by her mistress was not considered unworthy of the attention of the Council (pp. 350, 380), which also took steps to secure for Sir Christopher Hatton one of the fruits of his rapacity by compelling certain inhabitants of Poole to make over to him the custody of Branksea Castle, recently granted to him by the Queen (p. 192), whilst the Attorney General was directed to prosecute in the Star Chamber a man who had ventured to use a pistol against the favourite's servant (p. 366), and the mention of the Queen's title to Sherborne Castle (pp. 55, 66), which was long in dispute between the Crown and the Bishop of Salisbury, reminds us that this Castle afterwards became the property of a less fortunate favourite, Sir Walter Raleigh.

The only change in the constitution of the Privy Council during this period seems to have been that Sir H. Sidney was sworn and took his seat formally at the Table at Lichfield on his way to Ireland (pp. 11, 12), but two new clerks were sworn in July 1576 (p. 166), Edmund Tremaine and Robert Beale being apparently promoted to more important employment in Ireland and the Low Countries respectively, and to these officers fell the duty of recording on the days on which there were no meetings of the Council the periodical appearances of the religious prisoners and others under recognisances (pp. 87, 332, 333, 367). Payments are regularly made as before for the supply of "standishes," pens, ink, and paper for the Council Table, and for a new Register Book (pp. 150, 379), and for "a fire shovel, pair of tongs, bellows and fork," as well as for flowers and boughs for the Council Chamber (pp. 102, 326), and we note that the Council Chest must have been of considerable capacity, if we may judge from the number of documents which it is said to have contained, and are not surprised to find an entry relating to the purchase of a new one for forty shillings (p. 219).

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The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Treasorer.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to Mr. Justice Dier and Sergeaunt Barrham that whereas there was a matter to be tried the next Assises to be holden in the countie of Northampton, betwene Henry Norwiche and Anthonye Palmer, havinge made certein sclaunderous libells against the said Norwiche, to examine the matter and to procede to sume ende therein acording to lawe, &c. A charge of libel.

A letter to the Commissioners for Restrainte of Victuells in the countye of Devon signifyeng her Majesties plesure that William Littelson shold be sufferid to transporte from thence into the partes of beyonde the seas iij^{c} quarters of wheate, or so moche as the countye may spare without enhaunsinge the prices of the markett, and thereof to advertise the officers of her Majesties portes, that upon the payment of her Majesties customes they may suffer yt to passe acordinglye. The corn trade.

At Grafton, the vjth of Julye, 1575.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A private suit. A letter to John Newport and John Fosbrock, Coroners of the countye of Northampton, for the retorninge of a jurie in a controversye depending betwene Thomas Tressham, esquier, and one Robins, acording to the minute remayning, &c.

Instructions to Lord Cobham. A letter to the Lord Cobham with a Supplicacion inclosed exhibited by the Spanishe Embassadour, touching a complaint of one Renny, wever, citezen of Andwerp, against one Thorne, Underbailie, desireng his Lordship to examine the cawse and to take order therein acording to justice; and to advertise what they shall have founde and donne, that theyr Lordships may knowe how to aunswer the Ambassadour incase the partie shall not be contented.

p. 365. At Kenelworthe, the xijth of Julye, 1575.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Treasourer.	

Sir V. Browne. A letter to the Warden of the Fleete, or his Deputie, signifieng that her Majesties plesure was that Sir Valentine Browne, prisoner under his charge, shold be at libertie till Mighelmas for the giving up of his remainder and better loking unto of his officers and accomptes, and therefore, upon his band in v$^{c li}$ to retorne by that day, he shuld suffer him to be at libertie.

The victualling of Ireland. A placart for Thomas Sackeford to repaire into Ireland in post.

A letter to the Lord Deputie, in aunswer of his touching the victualling of that realme sent by the said Thomas Sackford, acording to the minute remayning in the Chest.

A letter to the Justices of Assise in the countie of Worcester to examine a fray committed in the Chase of Malborne betwene the Rainger and the servaunt of one Clinton, who was hurt and after deceased, and not to procede to any triall or sentence till they shall have advertised their Lordships, acording to the mynute remayning, &c. The Game Laws.

A placart to the creditours of William Nutshawe of Southampton, merchaunt, to forbeare to molest him by the space of sixe monithes, in which tyme he might repaire into Fraunce and recover certein sommes of money dew unto him by the Kinge, which was promised to be paid to her Majesties Embassador there, and the same affirmed by the Kinges Ambassador here, whereby he may be better able to aunswer his creditours afterwardes. A merchant's difficulties.

A letter to thearle of Warwicke that Henry Sackforde, apointed to have the charge of victualling of her Majesties garrisons in Ireland, might, for the safer transportacion of the provisions, be servid of certein parcels of powder and ordenance to the valew of one hundred poundes, apon the said Sackfordes bande within vj monithes either to restore the said parcels in as good sorte as the same were deliverid unto him, orels pay the valew, whereby her Majesties store may be supplied againe. The Ordnance Office.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie with two complaintes enclosed of certein inhabitauntes of Bristoll and Chester of spoiles committed by them of St. Malowes in Britaine; for that her Majestie was minded to take some generall order for the redresse of soch matters after the Progresse, he in the meane tyme shold examine their proofes and, finding their allegacions trew, put them to the rest which he hath of like sorte, of all which it were requisite he kept a perfect boke; and for that these injuries were freshe he shold repaire to the French Embassadour and Breton pirates. p. 366.

informe him of the strainge usages, and advertise their Lordships what aunswer he shold make to him in that behalf.

At Kenelworthe, the xiiijth of Julie, 1575.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Treasourer.	

The corn trade. A letter to the Commissioners of Restrainte of Graine in the countie of Dorsett to be aiding to William Nutshawe of Southampton, merchaunt, for the buyeng of ij^{c} quarters of wheate to be transported over into the partes of beyonde the seas, if the same may be conveniently spared without enhauncing the prices of the markettes, and to advertise thofficers of her Majesties portes from whence the same shalbe transported, that upon the paiment of her Majesties customes they may suffer it to passe acordinglie.

Grazing land at Berwick. A letter to Sir John Foster, knight, Governor for the tyme being of the towne of Berwick, or to John Selbie, Gentleman Porter there, to preserve from cutting downe or eating soche closes and groundes about that towne as late Sir Valentine Browne enjoyed as Vittailer, for that her Majestie had passed the like bargaine to Robert Vernon, to whose use it is requisite they were reserved.

At Kenelworth, the xvth of Julie, 1575.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Mr. Treasourer.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The Marshal of Berwick. A letter to Sir Valentine Browne, knight, to deliver by way of imprest to Sir Robert Constable, knight, appointed Mershall of the towne of Berwick, the somme of one hundred poundes to be defalked upon his intertainment.

A placard for ij cartes to remove the said Sir Robertes stuffe from his howse at Newarck-upon-Trent to Barwick, and for vj post horses. p. 367. Carts and post-horses.

A placart for a carte for Henry Cobham, esquire, being for her Majesties service appointed to repaire into the partes of beyond the seas, to carye his stuffe to London.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles or in absence of him to the Recorder of London, that whereas one Patrick Segrave, Irisheman, had gonne to Rome and practised to procure the libertie of one Creagh, late Archebisshoppe of Armaghe, and thereupon he was commaunded to attend here, her Majesties plesure was that upon his and two sureties' bandes, either Inglishe or Irishe, which they shold like of, he might for his good behaviour for one yere [be] suffered to repaire home, and so with sume good lessons they were willed to dismisse him. Release of an Irishman.

At Kenelworth, the xvjth of Julye, 1575.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to the Lord Keper in the behalf of one Valentine Kett, acording to the minute remayninge in the Chest.

A placart for iiij cartes for the cariadge of the Lord Chamberlain's stuffe to the Bathes of Buxton and back againe to soch place as the Coourte shalbe, with so many post horses as his Lordship shall have nede of, &c. The Lord Chamberlain's health.

At Kenilworthe, the xviijth of Julye, 1575.

Thapparaunces as before.

A letter to George Davers, Hercules Rainesford and John Cowper, esquiers, touchinge a controversie betwene the town- Several disputes.

shippes of Wardenton, Wilscott and Cotton, with one Calcotte, gentleman, touchinge the Delsters Hooke, acording to the mynute remayninge, &c.

A letter to the Lordes Chief Justices touching the controversie betwene the Citie of London and other inhabitauntes of priviledged places pretending to be exempted, acording to the minute remayninge, &c.

p. 368. A letter to Edward Onley, esquier, Sherif of the countie of Northampton, Sir John Spencer and Sir Richard Knightley, knightes, to examine certen controversies betwene the Mayour and his brethern of Northampton and other of the inhabitauntes for the erectinge of malt killes in that towne, and either to agree the matter betwene them orels to advertise.

The late Abbot of Westminster. A letter to the Master of the Rolles, or in his absence to Mr. Recorder of London, to take bandes of Doctor Feckenham for his good behaviour and that at Mighelmas next he shall retorne to the place where he presently is, and in the meane tyme he may repaire to the Bathes.

A pluralist. A letter to the Buisshop of Hereford that whereas their Lordships were enformed that one Thomas Hopkins, parson of Ludlowe, was like to be trobled of the enjoyinge of three benefices, seying they were under the valew of l^{li}, and [he] hath ben a good preachar and now in his age by God's visitacion was blinde, he shold give order that he might not be molested for that pluralitee.

A Lady-in-waiting. Placart for a carte to London for the Lady Carew, one of the Ladies of the Privey Chamber.

At Kenelworthe, the xixth of Julye, 1575.

The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A royal servant. A letter to Margarett Fogge, widowe, and Rafe Finche, gentleman, her sonne in lawe, in the behalf of William

Marshall, gentleman, one of her Majesties servauntes, acording to the minute remayninge, &c.

At Kenelworthe, the xxth of Julye, 1575.

Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Treasourer.	

A placart to Anthony Conway, one of the Messingers of the Chamber, to commaund one John Clay, Bailif of Whitchurch in the countie of Salop, and John White to make their repaire and apperaunce before their Lordships for disobeying the Commission of Raphe Bowes, esquier, Master of the Game of the Paris Garden. Paris Garden.

Placart for two cartes for the Earle of Bedford from his howse of Woborne into Leicester shiere, with such post horses as he shall have nede of, &c. The Earl of Bedford.

At Kenelworth, the xxijth of Julye, 1575. p. 369.

Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to Sir Humfrey Bradbourne, knight, in the behalf of Sir Thomas Cockin, knight, &c., acording, &c. A letter.

At Kenelworth, the xxvth of Julye, 1575.

Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Mr. Treasourer.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to the Lord Deputye of Ireland touching the brethern of the Earle of Ormond, acording to the minute remayninge in the Chest. Irish matters.

Another to the Lord Deputie to give charge to the [Muster-]masters of that realme furthwith to make a Generall Muster, acording to the minute remayninge, &c.

A letter to Owin Moore, Muster-master there, to see the said Musters taken acording to the mynute, &c.

A placart for William Fitton, sonne to Sir Edward Fitton, knight, Vicetreasorer of Ireland, for post horses to go to London, and from thence to the sea side to be servid of cartes and horses for the conveying of treasure into Ireland.

A placart for Sir Edward Fitton to be servid of post horses to soche places as he shall repaire unto, and so to the sea side, and there to suffer him to transporte his bagges and baggages into the realme of Ireland.

p. 370. At Kenelworthe, the xxviijth of Julye, 1575.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Treasourer.	

Grazing land at Berwick. A letter to Sir John Foster, knight, Governour for the tyme of the towne of Barwick, or John Selby, Gentleman Porter there, to take order for the medowes apperteyninge to the office of the Treasorer, Chamberlaine and Victualler, acording to the minute remayninge in the Chest.

Lord Essex in Ireland. A placart for post horses into Ireland for William Carey, gentleman, servaunt to thearle of Essex.

A loan from the City. A letter to the Lord Mayour of London, touching the order their Lordships had taken for the delivering unto them of her Majesties band for xxx$^{m^{li}}$ borowed of the Citie, upon a band of the Cities that they shold paye by the ende of August next xv$^{m^{li}}$ to her Majestie, the first moytie being alredy paide, which band shold be deliverid to Robert Peter, Auditour of the Receipt of thexchequier.

A letter to Robert Peter, Auditour of the Receipt of thexchequier, to deliver to the Lord Mayour her Majesties Letters Patentes for the repaiment of xxx$^{m\,li}$ borowed of the Citie, upon a band of the Cities to pay to her Majesties use the somme of xv$^{m\,li}$ by the end of August next, in full payment of the xxx$^{m\,li}$ so borowed; and in the drawing of the said bande by the Citie to take the advise of Mr. Atturney or Sollicitour Generall, or in their absence of Thomas Fanshawe and Peter Osburne, Remembrauncers of thexchequier.

At Lichefielde, the xxxth of July, 1575.

A placart for post horses for Edward Seintlowe, gentleman, appointed to repaire to the Spawe to visite from the Queen's Majestie the Earle and Countesse of Pembrocke. Post-horses.

At Lichefielde, the last of Julye, 1575. p. 371.

The Lord Treasourer.
Thearle of Warwick.
Thearle of Leicester.
Mr. Treasourer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Secretary Smith.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Sir Henry Sidney, knight of the noble Order of the Garter and Lord President of her Majesties Counsell in the Marches of Wales, and appointed to be Deputie of her Highnes' realme of Ireland, was this day sworne one of her Majesties Privey Counsell. Sir H. Sidney sworn of the Council and again sent to Ireland as Lord Deputy.

A letter to Sir Edward Fitton, knight, Treasorer of Warres of the realme of Ireland, to deliver, by way of imprest, ij$^{m\,li}$ to Sir Henry Sidney, knight, apointed Deputie of the realme of Ireland, and furder declaring her Majesties order for the expending of xx^{m} poundes assigned to be issued yerely out of her Majesties treasure of this realme for that service, acording to the minute remayning in the Chest.

Lord Burghley's health. A placart for a carte for the conveying of the Lord Treasourer's stuffe to Buxtones and back againe to soche place as the Coourte shalbe at, and for post horses as he shall have nede of.

At Lichefielde, the iij^de of August, 1575.

Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Comptroller.
Sir Henry Sidney.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Mr. Treasourer.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A lawsuit delayed. A letter to the Buisshop of Duresme or the Justices of Assises of the Bisshopricke for the stayinge of a matter in lawe betwene one Anne Heyborne, widowe, and John Bowes, esquier, till the next Assises, acording to a minute remayning in the Chest.

An escaped prisoner. A letter to the Sheriff of Derbyshere that whereas one ——— Separ, comitted to the gaole of Leicester, hath committed an escape and lurketh in that shiere, he shold upon informacion of the bringer apprehend him, and deliver him that he might retorne to the said gaole againe to aunswer acording to lawe.

Sir H. Sidney. Two placartes for the cariadge of the stuffe of Sir Henry Sidney, being appoineted Lord Deputie of the realme of Ireland.

The Tower. A letter to the Lieutenant of the Tower to receve into his custodie Muller Hussey, servant to the Earle of Kildare, and to kepe him as close prisoner.

p. 372. At Stafford Castle, the viij^th of August, 1575.

Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Walsingham.
Mr. Treasourer.	

The Channel Isles. Three letters to the Sheriffes of the counties of Dorsett, Southamptone and Wilteshire to put men in a redines for

the defence of the Islandes of Garnesey and Jersey, acording to former orders sent heretofore unto them from her Majestie and their Lordships for that purpose, acording to the minute remayninge in the Chest.

A letter to Sir John Davers, Sherif of the countie of Wilteshire, Sir Henry Knivett, knight, and William Brumker, esquier, with a Supplicacion enclosed exhibited by Mary, wyffe to Thomas Chaterton of that countie, esquier, against William Chaterton, his kinsman, to call the said William before them and to examine the complaint, and thereupon to informe their Lordships what they shall finde; and in the meane tyme the Sherif to staye thexecucion of an extent sued out by the said William upon Thomas his landes. A family dispute.

A placart for John Chamberlaine, Frenchman, to bring in quailes, frutes, new wine and soche delicates for her Majesties use without paying of custome. Delicacies for the Queen.

At Sudeley Castle, the xijth of August, 1575.

Thapparaunces as before.

A letter to the Treasourer of Ireland for the delivering of an overplus of money to Sir William Fitzwilliams, knight, Lord Deputie of the realme of Ireland, being apointed to retorne from that charge, acording to the minute in the Chest. The late Lord Deputy.

Two preceptes, signed by both Mr. Secretaries, for the apparaunces of Brian Fowler, John Gifford, esquiers, Justices of Peace in the countie of Stafford, John Dracot, Erasmus Wolvesley of Wolves Ley Bridge, Frauncis Gatacre, Thomas Pesshall of Horselye, Sampson Erdswicke and William Maxfield, refusing to cume to the churche. Recusants.

At Worcester, the xiiijth of August, 1575. p. 373.

The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Treasourer.	

Lord Hunsdon. Placart for a servant of the Lord of Hunsdon's for iiij ——— to carry certen stuffe to his master, being appointed to repaire to Berwick.

A Kentish dispute. A letter to Mr. Justice Manwood, Thomas Wotton and Edmund Boies, esquiers, to examine a controversye betwene Thomas Cobham and certen the inhabitauntes of the towne of Dover for goodes committed heretofore to their custodie, and either ende the matter betwene them or make report thereof to their Lordships.

At Worcester, the xvth of August, 1575.

The Lord Chamberlaine. Mr. Treasorer.
Thearle of Warwick. Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Leicester.

The Plague in Oxfordshire. A letter to the Sherif of the countie of Oxford that whereas her Majestie minded to cume shortly to Wodstocke, and was informed that the Plague was at Chipping Norton and other places of that countie, he shold furthwith repaire into those partes, and upon conference with the Justices of Peace dwelling thereabout, call the chief officers of the townes infected and soche others where it may be fearid the infection will cume, and straightlye charge them to shutt up the howses infected, that they be not suffered to go abrode, provideng, nevertheles, that they may be relieved of foode and other necessaries.

At Worcester, the xvijth of August, 1575.

The Lord Chamberlaine. Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Warwick. Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Leicester. Mr. Secretary Smith.

Being assisted with the presence of the
Bisshop of Hereford.
Bisshop of Worcester.
Bisshop of Lichefield and Coventre.
Bisshop of Rochester.

John Gifforth, Brian Fowler, Fraunces Gatacre, Erasmus Wolvesley, Sampson Erdswick and his sonne, and William Maxfield of the countie of Stafford, being sommoned to appere before their Lordships made their apparaunces acordinglie, and being called in and charged that they went not to church and confessing the same, were afterwardes, one by one, called in aparte to shew what causes they had so to do, and they alleadging their consciences and examples of their forefathers who taught them so, and seminge to be contentid to be comoned with, for their better instruction were by their Lordships referred to a conference to be had with them by the Bisshoppes abovenamed and other lernid men the next day, and upon their reporte of their towardnes and conformitie their Lordships wold take further order, &c. Appearance of the recusants. p. 374.

At Worcester, the xixth of August, 1575.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Leicester.	

A letter to Daniell Rogers, being presentlye with the Prince of Orenge to demaund restitucion of certein spoiles committed by them of Flusshing, that he shold also deale for the restitucion of a shippe called the Mary Flower of Lee, taken by the Flushingers as she came from Sluse, and apperteyninge to William Wrothe, merchaunt and Stapler of London. The Beggars of the Sea.

A letter to Sir Henry Sidney, knight, and appointed Lord Deputie of the realme of Ireland, touching the checques of Brian Fitzwilliams, acording to the minute remayninge in the Chest. Irish matters.

Another to the said Lord Deputie touching certen demaundes made by thearle of Desmond, acording to the minute in the Chest, and therwithall was sent such examinacions

as the said Earle had sent over touching the departure of James Fitzmoris, that his Lordship might examine the matter further and take order acording to justice.

A letter to the Earle of Desmond, in aunswer of his sent by his man, acording to the minute remayninge, &c.

A letter to Sir William Fitzwilliams, Lord Deputie of Ireland, and Mr. Tresorer at Warres there, touching the spices of the Marsilian shippe staied by him at Corke, for the whole lading whereof he had undertaken to aunswer all men, acording to a minute remayninge in the Chest, *Aprilis*, 1575.—The former letter being lost by his lackie and now an other of the same tenure being signed by their Lordships againe.

p. 375.

The cloth trade in the West.

A letter to the Sheriff and Justices of Peace of the counties of Somerset and Dorsett, that wheare their Lordships had seane a letter from them of the xxvijth of Julie last to the Lord Treasourer, howe one Peter Blackborowe, upon a Statute made in the time of the late Queen Marye, molested certen clothiers of those shieres, whereof some inconveniences were like to ensue, they shold call the said Blackborow before them and comaund him in their Lordships name not to procede further, but at the next Terme in the Sterre Chamber appere before them, and to enforme them of thestate of his cause, against which time they shold also commaund sume of the clothiers to be there present to shew what they can say to the contrarye.

A family dispute.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles touching a matter in controversie betwene Thomas Chaterton, of the countie of Wilteshire, esquier, and William Chaterton, his kinsman, requireng him for that their Lordships understode that he was sumwhat acquainted with the matter alredy, to call the parties before him, and, using their Lordships' name and aucthoritee, to procure that sume indifferent ende may be made betwene them; and for his better instruction they sent him enclosed the said Thomas' wiffe's Supplicacion, and a letter from the Sherif of Wilteshire touching the same matter.

A *postscript* that they had written to the said Sherif to stay thexecucion of an extent untill such tyme as he shold be informed from him what ende he could make.

The repair of a bridge.

A letter to Sir Andrew Corbett, knight, Vicepresident of the Counsell in the Marches of Wales, &c., sending enclosed a Supplicacion exhibited on the behalf of the towne of Upton, touching the reparacion of a bridge lately decaied; and for that the reedifienge of the same was very necessary and for the benefitte of divers shieres adjoyninge, to require them to give order to the Justices of Peace under their jurisdiction, that upon conference amongest them selves sume convenient collection be made in eche shiere acording to the Statute, to which conference the said Justices shold call thofficers of her Majesties Receipt in those partes, that her Highnes be not otherwise chargid, but the expences borne in the countrey.

The Staffordshire recusants.

The same day were called before theyr Lordships the Bisshoppes of Hereford, Worcester, Coventry and Lichefield and Rochester, to make reporte of such conferences as they were appointed to have with such gentilmen of the countie of Stafford as refused to cume to church, who, havinge declared to their Lordships the litle effect their conference had as yet wrought with them, their Lordships thinkinge by graunt of some more tyme to be conferred with they might be brought to better conformitie, called them in aparte and declared unto every of them that, considering p. 376. the litle conformitie they had as yet shewid, they could not be sufferid to retorne home onles they wold more dutifullye submyt themselfes to obey and folowe her Majesties lawes, the breache whereof in men of their callinge for example sake could not be tollerated; and for that upon furder conference with learnid men it was hooped that the trothe beinge declared unto them, and their reasons and scruples which movid them being aunswered and removed, they then wold conforme themselfes to her Majesties lawes as became good subjectes to

do, their Lordships for favour thought to take this order with them.

First, Brian Fowler, upon allegacion that he had very shortly to pay 200^{li} at Nantwich, was licensed to repaire to his howse and to retorne againe by Thursday or Friday next, the xxvijth or xxviijth of this presente, to the Bisshop of Worcester and to remaine with him for conference till Mighelmas Even next; in which conference they might frelye declare their consciences, shew soch bookes and reasons as movid them to do as they did, and no advantage to be taken of any their speches, her Majesties person only excepted; and incase before that tyme he shold shewe any conformitie, upon significacion of the same from the said Bisshop to their Lordships he shold be dismissed and suffered to retorne home the soner; but if by that tyme no good could be wrought, then was he to receve such furder order as their Lordships shold thinke convenient.

Frauncis Gatacre committed to the Bisshop of Coventrie and Lichefilde.

Sampson Erdswike licensid to go home to fetche his bookes and notes, and on Thursday next to repaier to the Buisshop of Worcester, and further was enjoyned to declare the same order to his father, who shold not departe but tarye with the said Bisshop.

William Maxfielde committed to the Bisshop of Coventrie and Lichefielde as before, saving that declaring to their Lordships how he had a Commission to sitte on in the countie betwene this and Mighelmas Even, yt was told the Bisshop that for that tyme he might give him leve to attend to his businesse for a convenient tyme, so that he retornid thither againe.

John Gifford committed to the Buisshop of Rochester in matter as before, save that he was licensed to repaire home to his howse, being, as he alleadgid, by reason of her Majesties late being there, out of order and unfurnished,

and therefore to retorne to the said Bisshop the day after her Majesties comyng to Wodstock.

Erasmus Wolvesley of Wolvesley Bridge committed to the same Bisshop.

At Worcester, the xxth of August, 1575. p. 377.

Thapparaunces as before.

A letter to the Buisshop of Worcester and Mr. Deane there to examine certein controversies betwene one Mistres Litleton and John Aldesford and others, and either to compound the matter betwene them, orels to advertise their Lordships. Private controversies.

A letter to Sir John Davers, Sherif of the countie of Wilteshire, to forbeare the execucion of an extent upon the landes of Thomas Chaterton untill he shold be advertised from the Master of the Rolles, to whom their Lordships had committed the hearing of the matter, and what good he had donne therin.

A letter to the Earle of Shrewisburie touching the complaint of thinhabitauntes of the Peake, acording to the minute remayninge, &c.

A letter to the Bisshop and Justices of Peace in the countie of Lincolne, thanking them for their contribucion towardes the reparacion of Walmesford Bridge, and further to cause the money so gathered to be deliverid to Sir Edward Mountague and Sir Edmund Bridnell to be emploied acordinglie. Repair of a bridge.

Apon informacion given to their Lordships that John Harley and Thomas Croftes of the countie of Hereford, esquiers, refused to cume to the church to Devine Service, they both being sent for this day made their apparaunce before their Lordships, where the said Harley affirming that he came to the church and so ment to continew was dismissed; Thomas Croftes promiseng that hereafter he wold Herefordshire and Staffordshire recusants.

repaire to the church, referred to be further instructed and conferrid with by the Bisshop of Hereford, his ordinarie.

The same day Hughe Erdswike being before their Lordships, the order of the former day for his abiding with the Bisshop of Worcester for conference was declared unto himself; and further, whereas complaint was made by one Sampson Whatwoode that he had ben molested and beaten by the said Hughe Erdswike, it was by their Lordships enjoyned to him and Sampson, his sonne, that they shold from henceforth for themselfes, their servauntes and frindes kepe the peace towardes the said Whatwoode and his, which they both solemly promised to performe, &c.

p. 378. At Wodstocke, the vjth of September, 1575.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Warwicke.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Penal Statutes. A lettter to the Lord Keper to write to the Justices of Assises to cume to the Coourte by the iiijth of October next, to conferre with their Lordships touching thexecucion of Penall Statutes, acording to the minute remayninge, &c.

The licensing laws. A letter to the Mayour, Alderman and Justices of Peax within the citie of Glocester for the suppressing of the excessive nomber of tipling howses or alehowses, and to suffer no more then are licensed by statute and lawe.

A charge of forgery. A letter to Mr. Justice Southcote that where it was informed that one Crampton, being committed to prison by warraunt from their Lordships upon suspicion of counterfetinge of pistolettes, and being bailed in the meane tyme was arested by another, so that now being acquited of that cryme he can not be at libertie; their Lordships thincking moche that any man should presume to serve proces upon a prisoner committed by their order, require him to call

the parties before him and procure sume ende and agrement betwene them acording to lawe and justice.

John Draicot of the countie of Stafford, esquier, being sent for up by their Lordships for that he forbeare to cume to the church and conforme him self to her Majesties procedinges, made this day his apparaunce and was by their Lordships' order remitted to further conference with the Bishop of Rochester, Elect of Norwich and Mr. Doctour Pieres. A Staffordshire recusant.

At Woddestock, the ixth of September, 1575. p. 379.

Thapparaunces as before.

A letter to the Buishoppe of Worcester and Sir John Litleton, knight, to heare a matter in controversye betwene one Richard Maye, citezin of Worcester, and Thomas Bourne, gentleman, touching a parcell of land claimed in the mannour of Wike Episcopi, letten to Maye by the Queen's Majestie by a title of John Hornival, late Auditour, who, before the Counsell of the Marches disclaymed to have any right at all, and eyther to compound the matter betwene them, orels to advertyse their opinions and in whom the default is. A claim to land.

A letter to the Deane and Chapter of Bath and Welles for keping of their solemne Chapter Daies in making and confirminge of leases, &c., acording to the [minute] remayninge in the Chest. The Chapter of Bath and Wells.

A letter to the Buisshoppe, Dean and Chapter of Welles, for admitting none to be a Prebendarye Residenciarie in that churche which could not preache, and were in schole a Bacheler of Divinitie or Lawe, or at least a Master of Arte, acording to a minute remayninge in the Chest.

A letter to the Commissioners of Portingall Causes to give order that certein bookes marked with the armes of the Cardinall of Portingall, the Kinges uncle, and sent unto him of gifte out of the Lowe Countrey from Alonzo Dias de Aguilar, subject to the King of Spaine, and staied as Portingals' Reprisals against Portugal.

goodes at Dartemowth, may be deliverid to John Calveti to be sent to the said Cardinall, for that before the deliverie of them into the handes of the said Cardinall they could not be accompted Portingall goodes; and further, their Lordships wold be loth that in so small a matter any advauntage shold be taken against so noble a man as a kinges uncle.

A letter to Sir Humfrey Gilbert, Sir Arthur Basset, knightes, and Mr. Doctor Tremaine to restore such bookes as they had sent to the said Cardinall, for that their Lordships were informed sume of them were cume to their handes.

p. 380. Barbary hides. A letter to the Maiour of Southampton to deliver soche Barbarie hides as were [sent] into that towne by one Cranley, a pirat, to soche as shold bring proces from the Coourte of thadmiraltie, who had considerid their letter to their Lordships and sawe nothing why they shold not obey the former proces, and nevertheles had taken good sureties in that Courte for the aunswering of Thomas Heyward and William Aldersey, merchauntes of Westchester, or any other that might have right therto.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie signifieng the contentes of their Lordships' said letter to the Mayour of Southampton, that he might direct his proces acordingly.

A commercial agent in Spain. A letter to Sir Henry Cobham, knight, her Majesties Embassadour with the King of Spaine, that whereas Robert Dowe, John Spencer, &c., and other merchauntes of London sent over one Anselm de St. Bitores to solicite their causes, he shold assist him with any favour he could, acording to the minute remayning in the Chest.

At Wodstocke, the xjth of September, 1575.

Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Treasourer.	

A letter to the Lieutenant of the Tower signifieng that her Majesties plesure was Doctour Good, Doctor Atlow and Frauncis Bartie, prisoners under his charge, shold be set at libertie, upon bandes to be taken of them with two good sureties in one thowsand poundes that they shall well and dutifully behave themselfes towardes the Queen's Majestie, her Highnes' realme and estate. Release on bail.

A letter to Sir Edmund Asshefilde and Sir William Drurie, knightes, and Mr. Sollicitour Generall to examine certein disorder of hunting within the Parke of Wodstocke, acording to soche informacions as shold be given them on the behalf of Sir Henry Lee, knight, Master of the Game. The game in Woodstock Park.

A letter to the Lord Keper signifieng the receipt of his Lordship's letter touching the cominge of the Justices of Assises to the Coourte to conferre with their Lordships about thexecucion of Penal Statutes, and liking well that his Lordship shold appoint the tyme, which they desyred him to signifie unto them, &c. The Penal Statutes.

A letter to Frauncis Hastinges, Adrian Stokes and Frauncis Cave, esquiers, or any two of them, that wheare their Lordships were informed from the Mayour of Leicester that one Richard Sheffield had utterid certein sedicious wordes and speches, clayming him self to be sonne to King Henry the Eight, and by sume was thought madde as he had ben many times before, and by others it was dowbted whether he were so or no; they shold, for better understanding of the trothe, examine him, and if he apperid to be madde then to cause him to be used as a man of that sorte, and release his wyfe, who had been committed by the Maiour, apon his confession that he was procured by her to say so, and to certifie their opinions. p. 381. A Pretender.

A letter to the Vicechauncelor and Proctors of the Universitee of Oxford with a Supplicacion enclosed of one Nicholas Gibbard of that Universytee against John Marnyon, gentleman, for a pece of lande belonging to Magdalen Colledge; and for that their Lordships were informed that by their The Vice-chancellor's Court at Oxford.

auncient charters it appertained unto them to determyne soch matters where a scholer was partie, they shold call the parties before them and either ende the matter betwene them acording to justice, orels to advertise their opinions in whom the default is.

Libels at Colchester.

A letter to the Bailiffes and Justices of Peace of the towne of Colchester signifieng the receipt of theirs concerning the casting abrode of libels and giving further order, acording to the minute remayning in the Chest.

A letter to the Lord Darcie, Sir Thomas Lucas, knight, William Walgrave, Henry Golding and Edward Berry, esquiers, to make their repaier to the said towne for the better assisting of the said Bailiffes in examining thoffendours, and searching, aswell within the liberties as without, the howses where it may be suspected any soche libels or copies be.

At Wodstocke, the xxth of September, 1575.

The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The Court at Woodstock.

A Commission for two cartes or waines for caryage of stuffe of the Lord Compton and Brian Ousley, esquier, from Wodstocke to London at reasonable prices.

A Proclamacion touching the Faier of Wodstocke, that grete hede be taken to soch as shall come or send to the Faire from places infected with the plague.

A letter to thearle of Huntington, acording to the minute in the Councell Chest.

p. 382.

At Wodstocke, the xxvth of September, 1575.

The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

George Dibney of Colchester, being brought up by two of thofficers of Colchester, was before the Councell harde what he could say to soche matter as the Bailiffes of Colchester and Sir Thomas Lucas, Recorder of that towne, had before signified against him touching certein sedicious libells throwen abrode in Colchester, whereof the said Dibney is suspected to be a favorer, and after was comitted to the custodye of the Knight Marshall. The Colchester libels.

John Marmyon (*sic*) of Ewelme was also hard touchinge a matter of controversie betwixt him and one Nicholas Gilbert of Oxford, phisitian, concerning a lease of a farme belonging to Magdalen Colledge in Oxford, and in thend it was remitted to certaine gentlemen, unto whom the Justices of Assise had before committed the same in comprimence, viz., Mr. Robert Doilie, Mr. Robert Scrope, Mr. James Beaybrooke, Mr. Grenewoode and Mr. Doctour Whitington, who are willed by the Counsell's letters now to make an ende of yt yf they can, and if not, to certifie the lett and who is in fault, with the circumstaunces of the cause, that the Counsell may ende it acordingly to justice, &c., acording to the minute remayning in the Councell Chest. A farm in dispute.

Upon a Supplicacion exhibited to the Counsell in the behalf of Alderman Osburne and Lawrence Mellow of London concerning certein Portingals' goodes, supposed to be brought in in a shippe arrived at Barbarn, for the trew triall whereof the letters of the said shippe are deliverid unopened to the custodie of the Register of the Admiraltie, because Mr. Peter Osburne, William Wignall and Blase Saunders being desyred to open the said letters, made the same sumwhat dangerous, for that the Judge of thadmiraltye, their colleague, is absent; their Lordships do now write unto them three to open the letters forthwith, calling unto them two Spaniardes or Portingales of creditt to be privey to their doinges therein, leaving the goodes, nevertheles, that are supposed to appertaine to Portingals in the handes of the owners or their factours untill the Judge of thadmiraltie shall retorne, who may say what the lawe will in yt; foreseinge, in the meane Reprisals against Portugal.

tyme, that sufficient caution be taken of the owners for the forthcominge of the said goodes or the valew to aunswer the lawe.

A Welsh murder. A letter to the Vicepresident and Counsell in Wales touching indifference to be had and used by the Coroner of ——— concerning the death of a servaunt of one Mr. Daunsey of which letter there is a minute in the Chest, and a copie of Mr. Daunsey's Supplication, whereof the originall was sent inclosed in the letter to Wales.

p. 383. Sir V. Browne. A letter to the Warden of the Flete signifieng her Majesties pleasure for the continuance of Sir Valentine Browne, knight, enlargement till thend of the next monithe, for which purpose he is to take new bandes of him for yelding of him self prisoner at that tyme.

At Woodestock, the xxviijth of September, 1575.

An imperfect entry. By Mr. Secretarie Walsingham's comaundment above taken of one Edward Fideler, of Blechangton in the countie of Oxford, yeoman, acording to thopinion of Mr. Sollicitour in his letter remayninge in the Chest.

At Woodestocke, the ij^{de} of October, 1575.

The Lord Chamberlaine. Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Leicester. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Treasourer.

Sir V. Browne. A letter to the Lord Hunsdon touching Sir Valentine Brownes debters at Barwick, acording to the minute remayninge in the Chest.

At Ricott, the vijth of October, 1575.

Thapparaunces as before.

Recusants. A letter to the Buisshop of Wigorn. touchinge Mr. Fowler and others refusing to cume to the church, acording to the minute remayninge, &c.

At Ricott, the viij[th] of October, 1575.

Thapparaunces etc.

A letter to the Buisshoppe of Worcester touching one Menevers, acordinge to the minute, &c. Recusants.

A letter to the Lord Hunsdon, Governour of Barwick, touching the quarterly musters to be kept there, &c., acordinge to the minute. Musters at Berwick.

At Windesor, the xiiij[th] of October, 1575. p. 384.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Warwicke.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.	

Sixe letters for orders to be taken for sope boilers, directed to the Lord President of Wales and Lord President of the North, and iiij[or] other letters to all Mayours and others, &c., acording to the minute remayninge, &c. The soap trade.

At Windesor, the xvj[th] of October, 1575.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Leicester.	

A letter to John Gifford, esquier, to make his personall apparaunce within xv daies after the receipt, to yeld his accompt and to make payment for tharrerages due by him for the parsonadge of Northam in Devon to the Colledge of Windesour, and to put in bandes for that shall growe to be due hereafter. Church property.

A letter to Sir Arthur Champernone, knight, that where their Lordships understand that certaine sayles of Spanishe Wrecking in the West.

Flete are by tempest cast upon the coast, and grete spoiles made of such goodes and merchaundizes as is arrived, whereof a grete parte hath come to the handes of Mistres Edgecombe and others, he is required, as Viceadmirall, to sequestre the said goodes into safe custodie, that it may be aunswerable to the very owners; for doing whereof in a *post script* he is willed to take the assistaunce of Mr. William Strowde.

p. 385. At Windesor, the xvijth of October, 1575.

Thapparaunces as before, wanting the Lord Admirall.

A family dispute. A letter to George Rolleston to make his apparaunce before their Lordships by the last of this monithe at the furthest, for an ende to be had betwixt his father and him, and for some other causes, &c.

A letter to the Lord Chief Justice, the Master of the Rolles, the Attorney and Sollicitor Generall that where the hearinge and determyning of a controversye betwene Fraunces Rolston and his sonne was by their Lordships referred to them, the old Rolleston complayninge for those matters not endid, they be required, yf they have not allredye, to take some paines therein, so as the matter may be endid or their Lordships advertised in whom the default is, that when bothe partes shall appeare before their Lordships they may thereby be the better able to gyve further order as right shall require.

Complaints against Spain. A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie with a complaint inclosed, exhibited in the behalf of Alderman Pullison and others, merchauntes of London, for certen spoiles donne at sea upon shippes laden with their goodes by such persons as pretend to serve the Kinge of Spaine against the Prince of Orenge, the most parte being Englishemen, with a testificat thereof sent with this letter; he is required to examine and to consider of those faltes in particuler for

that they be of diverse natures, and to returne his opinion what may be donne by justice in every of them acording to their qualitees.

At Windesor, the xixth of October, 1575.

Thapparaunces as before.

A summons obeyed.

This day Robert Cowper, being sent for by commaundement of Mr. Secretary Walsingham to appere the xxth of this presente upon a complainte of one Busbiche, made his apparaunce and prayed to have the same recordid; which was donne accordinglie, and order given to him not to departe untill he shold be licensed by their Lordships.

p. 386.

Dangers of the sea.

A letter to the Lord Darcie, Sir Thomas Lucas and Poley, the Viceadmirall of ——, that where their Lordships understand that a shippe called the Thorneback, of Hoisdon, freighted by Alderman Polison and other Englishe merchauntes at Danske, hath ben taken by a shippe at Dunkerke, manned with Englishe men, in her Majesties streames over the Nesse, under color of Commission from the Governour of the Lowe Countrey, and also diverse other shippes laden with Englishe men's wares from Danske have been taken and spoiled under colour of soche Commissions either from the Governour or the Prince of Orenge, whereof their Lordships understand that one Capten Belewine, Thomas Clerke, John Smith and John Storye be at this presente in Colne water with their pretenced prices; they be required to cause the said men to be taken and their shippes arrested untill they have aunswerid that shalbe laide against them, and to advertise their Lordships or the Lord Admirall what they shold have donne herein.

A letter to Mr. Henry Woodhowse, Viceadmirall of Norffolk, that whereas he hath viewed and staied a shippe of one Garbran Dominich, called the Christofer, laden in Danske with the goodes of Englishe merchauntes, and one

other shippe called the Flyeng Harte, laden also in Danske by Englishe merchauntes, which shippes being chased by pirattes and defendid by the said Viceadmirall, who claymeth xxx^{li} for the defence of the one and l^{li} for the other; for that contrary to his office who shold assiste and defende all trewe merchauntes, therefore he is required to be content with some reasonable recompense for saving the said shippes, and to redeliver them with their goodes and merchaundizes without delay to the owners.

A summons. A letter to Thomas Blagrave to appere before my Lords as sone as he conveniently may.

False imprisonment. A letter to Justice Southcote that where there Lordships understand that one Dumbrill is holden in prison in the Kinges Benche by the secret device of William Waller, becawse he hath vowched certaine complaintes against him before their Lordships about a half yere past, being acquited for all other matters that he is to be charged with, the said Justice is required to considre thereof acording to right, and that if the complainte be trew as is alleadged, and no due cause found further to deteyne him, he shall give order for his deliveraunce.

p. 387.

Orders for arrests. A letter to the Sherif of Surrey to apprehend John Scarlet, George Elliott and Anthonye Joye, and to send them up under good suretie or safe keping, so as they may be aunswerable before their Lordships for suche misdemeanours as they are to be charged with, by such a day as he shall appointe, of which his doinges herein to advertise their Lordships.

* xxth of October, 1575. A letter to Mr. Alderman Haiward and Mr. Recorder of London for the apprehendinge of Mr. Hougat, Edmond Felton, Edward Nevell, Henry Chormell, John St. Legier, ——— Megges, ———————, and Lambert and others for the preventing of certen lewd practices.

Englishmen in foreign services. Three open letters to all Viceadmirals, Justices, &c., against such of her Majesties subjectes as arme themselfes

* Original marginal note.

or any shippes to the seas, under pretence of any forraine Commission, without her Majesties speciall license, acording to the minute remayninge, &c.

At Windesor, the xxijth of October, 1575.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Smithe.
Thearle of Leicester.	

The Colchester libels.

A letter to Justice Southcote, sent by William Raine, Depute Towne Clerck of Colchester, to give him tunderstand that certaine persons of the towne of Colchester are indicted for making and casting abrode of very sclaunderous libels, and being intended that they shalbe ordered by the due course of the lawes, the bearer is to give him tunderstand what hath been donne and to receive instructions what is further to be donne in their triall, and he to advertise their Lordships what they may do aftre triall past.

An unfounded charge.

Robert Cowper being this day called before their Lordships, and Busbiche presente that caused him to be sent for, and not beinge to be chargid with any matter worthie the sending for, and bringing with him a testimoniall under sundry handes—the same remayninge in the Councell Chest—and to declare his doinges in that matter that he was charged with, was for the tyme dismissed with order to appeare againe yf their Lordships so required; and Busbiche to pay the charges of the Purcevant untill he be able to prove sufficient matter to charge the said Cowper with any offence worthie soche ponishement.

p. 388.

An Irish priest in the Tower.

A letter to the Lieutenant of the Tower to give notice to William Birmingham, student in Greies Inne, that he may repaire to the Towre, and in his presence to conferre with Creagh, an Irish priest, prisoner under his charge, how he may be provided of apparell and have such necessaries as he wanteth, foreseing under that conference there be no practise otherwise then is pretended.

English pirates.

A letter to the Sheriffe of the counties of Norffolk and Suffolk that where he hath apprehendid and hath in his custodie certen persons for piracie and robbing upon the seas of Englishe men and others in league with the Queen's Majestie, under colour of sundrye Commissions from forraine princes and rulers, he is willed to holde them in safe kepinge till he have furder direction from hence.

At Windesor, the xxiijth of October, 1575.

Thapparaunces as before, adding Mr. Comptroller.

Lord Darcy.

A letter to the Lord Darcie to Mr. Cardinal's submission, acording to a minute thereof in the Councell Chest.

Provisions for Berwick.

A letter to the Lord Keper to give warraunt to the Lord Hunsdon, by Commission under the Grete Seale, to nominate certen persons that may have aucthoritie by the same to levie 200 quarters of otes, provision of Berwick, in places thought mete by his Lordship, at reasonable prices for this onlye tyme till Christemas.

Englishmen in foreign services.

A letter to the Captaines of thisle of Wight and Portesmowth, gyving them thanckes for the sending uppe of Anthonie Carew, Capten of the Castle of Cumpfort, and signifieng her Majesties misliking of any of her subjectes to serve by Commission of forraine princes or governours, and thereupon the dismissing of Carew from that service; they be required to discharge the marriners and cumpany of the shippe, and to give pasportes to such as be her Majesties subjectes, willing them to repaire to their habitacions to live acording to the lawes, and forbeare from henceforth those kinde of services; the shippe, with all that appertaineth to her, to be laid up by Mr. Horsey as Viceadmirall to aunswer the lawe, till he shall receave other order from the Lord Admirall; they be required to restraine all others of like sorte, and to staye their shippes being apperteyninge to her Majesties subjectes; and that Mr. Radcliffe do not

medle in the office of Viceadmirall, but leave such matters to them that be appointed by the Lord Admirall for that purpose.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles and Justice Southecoote, with the peticion of ——— Freville, to call before them Baron Frevile at some tyme and place convenient, and to heare the cause betwene the peticioner and the said Baron, being his uncle, and to use all the good meanes they can to make some good ende, orels to certifie their Lordships in whom they shall finde default. p. 389. A family quarrel.

A letter to the Lord of Hunsdon in aunswer of one sent to the Lord Treasourer, of (*sic*) which was declared the untowardnes of the ministers of Sir Valentine Browne, namelye, one Merrye, and what wantes there hath been to make a sufficient discharge; in the same letter was signified unto his lordship what had passed in those matters before their Lordships betwixt one sent by Sir Valentine Browne and one Tottie, now Deputie of Robert Vernon, and also what order was appointed to be taken for the discharge and the receiptes belonging to the Victuallership. Of which order there was notes deliverid, signed by the Lords, to eche partie, viz., to Sir Valentine Brownes servaunt and to the said Tottie, Deputye to Robert Vernon. Sir V. Browne's accounts.

Item; there were signed the same day the said two billes of orders, whereof the minute remayneth in the Councell Chest.

At Windesor, the xxiiijth of October, 1575.

Thapparaunces as before, wanting the Lord Admirall.

Three placardes of assistaunce to all Viceadmirals, Mayours, &c., for the recoverie of such Spanishe goodes as hath ben cast upon the coast by tempest, and are come to the handes of anye her Majesties subjectes. Spanish wrecks.

A placard to all Justices of Peace, Mayours, &c., wheare certaine beefes and other cattell are to be deliverid by Sir Sir V. Browne's accounts.

Valentine Browne, and to be recevid by Robert Vernon for the provision of her Majesties garrison of Berwicke, to the intent the trew valew may be knowne what is delivered and receved, they be required, in case the deliverye shalbe made before they come to Berwick, to be present themselfes, and to appointe ij or iiij men of knowledge and judgement in those matters to viewe and esteme the said cattell for their kindes, greatnes, goodnes and valew, and upon their othes to deliver their judgement, and to make thereof a bill indented, to be delivered to eche partie one, that thereby they may be charged and discharged as shall appertaine.

p. 390. The Raid of the Reidswire.

A letter to the Lord of Hunsdon, Governour of Berwick, in aunswer of his touching the Commission and Commissioners for the redresse of the disorder at the Reddswire, acording to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

At Windesore, the xxvth of October, 1575.

Thapparaunces as before.

Englishmen in foreign services.

A letter to the Lord Darcie and Sir Thomas Lucas in aunswer of theirs touching Capten Clarke and his shippe remayninge upon that coaste, they be willed to use the helpe of any shippe upon that coast for the apprehencion of him and any other Englisheman that shall come there under pretence to serve a forraine Commyssion without her Majesties licence, and so muche to signifie to the masters and owners of such shippes as they shall use, and that they may furnishe and arme them for that purpose; in doing whereof they are to give instructions that the matter be executed with as letill occasion of blodeshedde as may be, and that there be no spoile nor reffling of the shippes and goodes that shalbe so staied and arested, and besides by a *post script* they be admonished to take the advice of one Gray, master of one of her Majesties shippes.

At Windesore the xxvjth of October, 1575.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Mr. Treasourer.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

An Irish claim.

A letter to the Lord Deputie of Ireland that where Thomas Fitzsimondes of Ballichiver, in that realme, maketh claime to certaine landes which have of long tyme ben invested to the crowne of England, and for that he bringeth no letters of comendacion of his suite from the said Lord Deputie, and have not ben considered of by any the Queen's Majesties lernid Counsell there; his Lordship therefore shall referre the consideracion of this matter to her Majesties said lernid Counsell, so that the peticioner may thereupon be delt withall in his said cause acording to justice and the coourse of the lawes in that realme; and, further, that it be notified generallye in that realme that hereafter no sutour cume hither for any matter or sute without they bring some letters of commendacion for the same.

p. 391.

Importation of seditious books.

A letter to the Lieutenant of the Tower, Mr. Doctour Wilson and others, that where one Richard Bradsey, a prisoner there for bringing in of sedicious bokes into this realme, and hath stode obstinate heretofore and woll not confesse of soche as were faltie with him in that matter, that nowe seinge he yeldeth to better conformitie and offereth to confesse what he knoweth, that the said Lieutenant and others aforesaid shall devise some interrogatories such as they shall thinke mete for thunderstanding of this matter, and to signifie unto their Lordships what shall fall out hereupon, to the intent that theyr Lordships may procede with him and others that shalbe touched herein as the case shall require.

Instructions to the Solicitor General.

A letter to the Queen's Majesties Sollicitour, with a note inclosed in the letter towchinge a *proviso* in certaine Letters Patentes made unto the towne of Norwiche, that the said Sollicitour shall consider how the same *proviso* may be amended, and to drawe a boke thereof in forme that the

same may be signed by her Majestie, and take effect acordinglye.

A letter to Mr. Sollicitour in the behalf of the Companye of Cappers of Lichefield and els where, that where the Queen's Majestie hath graunted to them the forfeictures growing unto her for the not observacion of a certaine Statute made in the xiij yere of her raigne for the not wearing of cappes, requireng the said Mr. Sollicitour to set downe some device and order how the same Statute may be put in execucion, and the forfeictures thereof growing to be gyven and imploied to them acording to her Majesties intencion, praying him to take care thereof and to dispatche the suitours with as good expedicion as may be.

A commercial case.

A letter to Sir (*sic*) John Baptista St. Bitores to make his repaier hither to the Lords upon Sonday next, for to make an ende of a matter in controversye betwene one Haunce de Grott and him.

A matrimonial case.

A letter to Sir George Blunt, knight, to make his personall apparaunce here before their Lordships with as convenient spede as he may, for the taking order with his wife for soche causes as were lately committed to be ordered by the Bisshoppe of Worcester and the Deane there, which as yet by his default is not performed; and that he, the said Sir George, shall give notice to the Purcevaunt what day he meaneth to appere, that thereupon the frindes of his wife's parte may have knowledge to be here at that tyme.

p. 392.

A release on bail.

A letter to Justice Southcote that where one Robert Conwey *alias* Patrick, prisoner in the ——— for suspicion of stealing a horse, the facte not provid against him, and for that the said Conway hathe donne her Majestie some good service in discoverye of some matters which otherwise wold hardlye have been revealed, that he may now upon sureties be bailed, to be furthcoming to aunswer to the lawe hereafter at such tymes and places as the coourse of the lawes and justice shall require.

A letter to the Lord Buckhurste, Sir Thomas Sherley and Sir John Pelham, knightes, and George Goringe, esquier, with a peticion inclosed in the behalf of thinhabitauntes of Bright Helmeston, that where it is declared that the fishermen of that towne who have onely ben charged with the fortificacion and finding of munition, and the repairenge of the church of the said towne at their owne charges, they desyer to be relieved either by a Corporacion to be graunted them or some other contribucion to be had for easing of parte of their charges; that the Lord Buckhurst and the rest aforesaid shall put downe some order howe the burdens aforesaid may be borne with some equall contribucion, so that no partie may be burdened more then it ought to be nor as in reason and right it shold be. Brighton fishermen's complaint.

A placard for post horses, for George Tottie to ride to Berwicke for him and his man, for the Quenes Majesties service. Post horses.

At Windesor, the xxvijth of October, 1575.

The Lord Treasourer. Mr. Secretary Smith.
The Lord Admirall. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Treasourer.

A letter to the Bishop of London informing him that one Jones, a tailour, had brought over certen bookes and letters from one Veale, which Jones was to be found or heard of at one Hiles' howse in Distaffe or Shew Lane, he is desired, with the advice and aide of the Recorder of London, to use all good meanes to apprehende the said Jones touching the said bookes and letters, for whom he brought and from whom and where they be bestowed. His Lordship is also willed to write his letters to some Justices of Peace neare Barkinge to serche the howse of Burre and Babham of Ham, and to examyne them touching soche bookes brought from beyond the seas by the said Jones, and to use suche discrecion as he may cume by the trothe Importation of erroneous books.

of the doinges of the said Jones and Veale in their negotiacions abrode and their practices at home.

p. 393. He is aucthorised to cause any person to be apprehendid touched in this matter, and to be staied and examined, and to advertise their Lordships from tyme to tyme what shall fall out upon these doinges.

An English Agent for the Low Countries.

A letter to the Lord Cobham, Lord Warden of the V Portes, or to his Lieutenant, and to the Mayour and officers of the towne and porte of Dover, to see Robert Corbett, esquier, sonne and heire to Sir Andrew Corbet, knight, provided of convenient shipping furnished for his safe and spedye passage at reasonable prices into the Lowe Countreis, being sent thither by the Queen's Majestie for her affaires of government there.

At Windesor, the xxviijth of October, 1575.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Smith.

The command of a ship.

A letter to Henry Palmer that where Mr. Holstocke, Comptroller of her Majesties shippes, is appointed to serve at the seas by her Majesties commaundement, and the said Palmer appointed to assiste him and to be Capten of one of her Majesties shippes called the Foresight, that he shall furthwith put him self in a redines to serve by such instructions as he shall receve of Mr. Holstocke, orels to signifie yf he can not so do, to the intent some other may be appointed.

At Windesor, the xxxth of October, 1575.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Treasourer.	

A letter to the Warden of the Flete that where Sir Valentine Browne, knight, prisoner under his charge, had been heretofore enlarged upon bandes to retorne thither againe by the last of this monithe; upon declaracion of grete causes requireng his necessarye attendaunce abrode he is dispenced for his retorne, and the Warden warraunted for his dyscharge, being required by a *postscript* to deliver him his bandes. Sir V. Browne.

At Windesore, the last of October, 1575. p. 394.

Thapparaunces as before, adding the Lord Chamberlaine.

A letter to Robert Vernon, Surveiour of the Victells at Berwicke, acording to the minute in the Councell Chest. Berwick victuals.

A letter to the Vicechauncelour of the Universitee of Cambridge against unncessarie assemblies to be made in the said Universitee or within v myles neare the same, acording to the minute, &c. Unlawful assemblies at Cambridge.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie with the peticion of Mr. John Hawkins complaining of losses recevid at the handes of the King of Portingall his subjectes and partelie by the Kinges owne ministers; he is required to take thexaminacion of the proofes, and thereupon to advertise their Lordships, that they may procede furder as justice shall require. Mr. John Hawkins.

A letter to the Deane of the Arches that where a sute dependeth there betwixt the Ladie Windesour and George Puttenham, her husband, upon the determinacion whereof it will appeare what allowaunce of living shalbe assigned to the said ladie; forsomuch as it appereth to their Lordships that she is left very destitute of all mainetenance, he is required to use as muche expedicion as by justice he may, and if he shall finde any practise of lingering or unnecessarie delaies wherein he shall nede the aide of their Lord- A matrimonial case.

ships, upon understanding thereof they promyse to give their helpe so farre forth as lawe requireth.

The Berwick frauds. A letter to the Lord of Hunsdon to send up Johnson, to be delt withall for matters of Berwick, who remaineth nere about Durrham.

An arbitration. A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie to appoint iiij^{er} persons for tharbitrating and judging of a controversie betwixt Haunce de Grott and John Baptista St. Bitores concerning a shippe bought of the Prince of Orenge by the said Haunce; the said iiij^{er} men be adjudged (*sic*) what the said Baptist shall paye for the repayring and amending of the said shippe and all thinges belonging to her, except thordinance, cables, anckers and sailes, and the said some adjudged so the said Baptista doth promise to paye unto the said Grotte; he is required to appointe indifferent men for the purpose, and to use his owne helpe that suche a perfect ende may be made betwixt them as their Lordships may be no more trobelid therwith.

p. 395. Claims against the Dutch. A letter to Mr. John Hastinges being sent for the affaires of her Majesties subjectes to the Prince of Orenge, wherein is inclosed a peticion exhibited unto the Lords for restitucion to be donne to them by the said Prince or them of Flusshing; he is required to follow it with grete earnestnes, and to use thadvice and assistaunce of Daniell Rogers if he be there, and to advertise what he shall have donne and what the merchauntes complainauntes may trust unto.

At Windesore, the first of November, 1575.

The Lord Treasourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Tresourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Bedford.	Both Secretaries.

The Staffordshire recusants. This day iij gentilmen sent up by the Buisshoppe of Lichefield and Coventrie, viz., Gatacre, Wolvesley and Maxfield, standing obstinat not to cume to the church in the tyme of

the exercise of the present order of Religion, notwithstanding respite of tyme given them by the Lordes to have conference with the Buisshoppe in those cases, being this day called, and perseveringe in their obstinacie, unable to alleadge any reason for the same, were by their Lordships' order committed close prisoners; Gatacre to the Fleete, Wolvesley to the Gatehowse in Westminster, and Maxfielde to the Marshalsey, and letters were written to the Kepers of eche places to receve them and use them acordinglye.

Warrants for payment.

A warraunt to the Treasourer and Chamberlaine of thexchequier to pay to the Lord Cobham the somme of xxvij^{li} for the charges of the furniture of two shippes, prepared by order from her Majestie for the transporting and safe conducting of Monsieur la Chatre from Dover to Bullone, retorning as Embassadour from the French King to the Queen's Majestie.

Another warraunt to the said Thresourer and Chamberlaines to pay lx^{li} to Edward Barckley, in consideracion of losses and expenses susteined by tempest at the sea, being driven to the Isle of Man, his shippe being wasted, was inforced to prepare two other barkes, and to kepe vij^{xx} of his soldiours vij daies in the said Ile at his owne charges.

Disorders in Wales.

A letter to the Lord Keper with a peticion inclosid conteyning certen disorders comitted in Wales, the sute is folowed by Davy Lewis; his Lordship is required to examine the truthe of the matter, and thereupon to give order for the punishement of thoffendors as the case shall require, acordinge to the lawes of the realme.

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A claim to goods.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles and Mr. Doctor Wilson, whereas heretofore they have been written unto in the behalf of one Rocco Bonetti, who complayninge that after the death of his wife his howse and goodes were seased and possessed by one Robert Burbage and John Vavasour, they, examininge the matter, caused the said Vavasour to compound with the said Rocco, and giving respite to the said Burbage untill some other tyme; they

be required, forasmuch as the said Burbage died without making him any recompence, and that his goodes came to the handes of one Mr. Goring of Sussex who maried the daughter of the said Burbage, to call the said Goringe before them, and to understande the state of the controversye towching the said goodes, and to make such ende betwene them if they can as may be agreable to right, orels to informe their Lordships in whom they shall finde default, that if furder complainte be made they may proceade as the cause shall require.

At Windesore, the ij^de^ of November, 1575.

Thapparaunces as before.

Order for carts and horses.

A Commission for suche as the Lord Chamberlaine shall appointe for the taking of v cartes and horses to them, for the cariadge of suche thinges as shalbe appointed to them from London to sundry places which shalbe thought mete by the bearers of the said Commission.

The refugees at Canterbury.

A letter to the Mayour of Caunterburie and his brethern to use suche straingers as do inhabite in the said towne charitablie and favorablie, and to punishe all suche as shall go about to misuse them, so farre furth as the said straingers do use themselfes orderlye and as they ought to do.

An obstinate woman.

A letter to Mr. Piers Edgecombe that where his wife, being commaunded by Commyssion to deliver all such Spanishe goodes as she had gotten into her handes, being cast upon that coast by tempest, which she utterly refused to do, and hath otherwise misused her self by disobeying the Commission, and since the cominge home of her husband hath been by him maineteyned in her ill doinges; he is now commaunded not onlye to make deliverie of the said goodes, but also to make his personall apparaunce before their Lordships with as convenient spede as he may to aunswer to the contempt.

At Windesore, the iiijth of November, 1575. p. 397.

This day, George Elliot, being one of them that was called before their Lordships for hunting in Windesor Forest, upon bandes to be in that case of good behaviour hereafter, was by their Lordships clerelye discharged. Poaching at Windsor.

At Windesor, the viijth of November, 1575.

The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Smithe.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Treasourer.	

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London that wheare their Lordships had sundry tymes written to his predecessor that by sume lernid in the Civill Lawes and other skilfull merchauntes certen orders might be set downe wherebye controversies arrising about matters of assuraunce might be decided; for that by the espace of one whole yere they have had no full aunswer thereof, in which tyme they trust sumwhat had been donne, he shold, with as much conveniencie as might be, send the said orders unto their Lordships by sume person having skill in such matters, orels to advertise on Sondaye next what cause there is of stay to the contrarie. Maritime insurance.

A letter to Mr. Attorney and Sollicitour Generall to enforme them selfes of William Ramme, Deputye Towne Clerke of the towne of Colchester in Essex, touching such libels and lewd writinges which have of late ben cast abrode theare, and upon conference with the two Chief Justices to advertise their Lordships how the parties may be further procedid with acording to lawe. The Colchester libels.

A letter to Thomas Edgerton, Deputye Governour of the Merchauntes Adventurers, to send some of their Cumpanye on Sonday next to aunswer a bill exhibited to the Queen's The cloth trade.

Majestie and their Lordships by certaine clothiers, which heretofore was deliverid unto them to be considerid of.

p. 398. An arrest. A letter to the Sheriffe of Kent to make inquerie and apprehend one Lawrence Biddell, who is suspected to have repaired to Maideston, wheare he hath a brother in prison, and to send him hither.

A charge of murder. A letter to Sir John Throgmerton, knight, that where complainte was made that one John Tilson, servaunt to John Dutton of Dutton, esquier, was slaine at Chester, and thereupon before a jurye empanelled by the Coroner certen disposicions were taken remayninge with the Mayour and Recorder, the copies whereof the said Dutton could not gett to prosecute furder justice, but the parties sufferid to go at libertie there and in other shieres adjoyninge; the said Sir John shold examine the whole cawse, and upon sight of the deposicions whiche he shold require of the Mayour and Recorder in their Lordship's name, shold either committe or baile the parties to be furth cominge to aunswer acording to lawe, usinge herein aswell his owne aucthoritee within his Circuite as the assistaunce of other her Majesties officers whom he shold herebye commaunde to be aiding unto him, and tadvertise what he shall have founde, and what his opinion is; with a *postscript* that if there were no lawfull cause to the contrarie, then to cause the copie of the said deposicions to be delivered to Mr. Dutton, as a thinge which their Lordships thinke accustomed and requisite to be donne in soche cases for the better furtheraunce of justice.

At Windesor, the xth of November, 1575.

Thapparaunces as before.

The Staffordshire recusants. Brian Fowler, of the countie of Stafford, esquier, Hughe Erdswicke and Sampson Erdswicke, his sonne, gentlemen, being in her Majesties late Progresse at Worcester committed to the conference of the Buisshoppe of Worcester

and others, to be brought to better conformytie in matters of Religion, and afterwardes bounde by the said Buisshoppe to make this day their apparaunce before the Lordes of her Majesties Privey Counsell, did the same acordinglie, and were comaunded to attend their Lordships' furder pleasure upon Sonday folowinge.

At Windesor, the xiijth of November, 1575. p. 399.

The Lord Treasourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Englishmen in foreign services.

A letter to William Lower, Viceadmirall of Cornewall, Fraunces Godolphin, ——— Harries and Thomas Chiverton, esquiers, and Justices of Peace there, in aunswer of theirs touching the stay of John Smithe of Colchester, serving on the seas under a Commission graunted by the Commissioners' Governour of the Lowe Countreis to Cotton and ——— Carew, Englishemen, against the King, his master's rebells, which Smith, under pretence of the said Commission, had taken a shippe of Rochell; thanking them for their paines and requireng them in such matters to proceade acording to her Majesties Commission, which they shold receve therwith enclosed, for the stayinge of any soche her Majesties subjectes as served on the seas without her Highnes' licence; and, towching the prise, the same shold be comitted to the order of the Coourte of the Admiraltie; and furder, they shold stay Smithes owne shipp, which he called the Jonas of Sandwiche, untill suche tyme as it shold appeare that he came lawfully by her.

Lewd words.

A letter to Mr. Sackeford, Master of the Requestes, Mr. Sollicitour Generall and Mr. Recorder of London, uppon an Informacion sent unto them herewith enclosed, and soch other matters as the said Recorder, who hath ben made

acquainted with their doinges, could declare unto them more at large, they shold examine William Hungate and Edmonde Felton, lately committed to the Bailiffes of ——— howse by the Recorder for certen lewde wordes affirmed to be utterid by them, and soche others as shalbe towched therewith, so that the trothe may be knowen, which they are required to advertise.

Communication with the Fleet.

A letter to the Mayour of Dover that whensoever William Holstocke, Comptroller of her Majesties Navie, and now appointed to repaier to the seas, shall send any messinger or letter, to see the same served and despatched in post to the Coourte.

An open placart to her Majesties officers that when any soche occasion shall fall out upon any other coast in this his voiage, to see lickewise the bearer of his letters served of post horses from place to place to the Coourt, &c.

p. 400. Staffordshire recusants.

Henry Draicot of the county of Stafford, esquier, being heretofore committed by their Lordships to the conference of the Elect Bisshop of Norwiche and Mr. Doctour Pieres for his better conformitie in matters of Religion, being this day callid before their Lordships and persisting in former obstinacie not to cume to the churche, was committed to the Fleete with a letter to the Warden that he shold be kept as a close prisoner without havinge any conference with any.

John Gifford of the said countie, esquier, being committed lickewise to the conference of the said Bisshop, appearing before their Lordships promised to repaier to his parishe church at some tymes upon the Sondaies and holy daies, for that the same being one mile and a half from his howse he could not do it alwaies, and theare to heare and be at the Divine service, whereof their Lordships might be advertised from Mr. Deane of Coventrie and Lichefield being parson there, and at such Sondaies and hollidaies as he shold not be there, that then he and his familie shold be present at the Commen Praier in the chapell belonging unto

his howse; and so their Lordships, trusting that he wold not faile of his promyse and that they shold heare of his good conformitie in this behalf, were contente that he shold be discharged of his furder attendaunce, and sufferid to go home.

Brian Fowler, esquier, appearing for like matter was committed to sume furder conference with Mr. Deane of Windesour, and Hughe and Sampson Erdswicke to the Elect Bisshop of Norwiche and Mr. Doctor Busshe.

At Windesore, the xiiijth of November.

The Lord Treasourer.	Thearle of Bedford.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Smithe.

Reprisals against Portugal.

A letter of assistaunce to all Viceadmirals and Justices, &c., for Oliffe Burre and John Davies, merchauntes of London, that wheare they have had processe out of the Coourte of thadmyraltie for the recoverye of certaine Portingals' goodes in recompence of losses as they have recevid by the King of Portingall, that they shold aide and assiste the said parties in thexecucion of the said processe, acording to the meaninge thereof.

A passport.

A pasport for Signor de Normand, a French gentleman, to passe to the sea coste and so over into Fraunce with his two servantes and baggages, and to be servid favorablie for his money of all such necessaries as he shold want.

p. 401.

Weymouth and Melcombe Regis.

A letter to the Mayour, Bailiffes and other officers of the towne of Weymowth and Melcombe Regis to send up some persons instructed and aucthorized from either of the said townes for the liberties and priviledges of the same, to thend that order may be taken for thapesinge of such strifes as they be now at, &c., acordinge to the minute remayninge, &c.

An arbitration. A letter to the Lord Chief Justice and the Master of the Rolles that whereas a controversie hath dependid of long tyme betwene George Roleson, one of the Queen's Majesties Gentlemen Pentioners, on thone partie, and Henry Sacheverell, sonne of John Sacheverell, being now out of the lande, on thother partie, and as this day the said George Roleson and one Rafe Sacheverell, in the behalf of the foresaid Henry, his nephewe, have appered before their Lordships, and have in their presence by both their consentes assented to stand to the order and arbitrement of the said Lord Chief Justice and Master of the Rolles in the said matter of controversie, and to be bounde eche to other in the somme of ij^{m} ^{li} for the performaunce thereof; the said Arbitrators are required by their Lordships to take some paines therein, and, after such bandes taken and that they shalbe informed of the matter, to make such ende therein betwene them as shalbe agreable to right and equitye, &c.

The garrison of Berwick. A letter to the Governour of Berwick advertiseng him what order is taken for the paiment of charges due to the Queen's garrison theare at Michaelmas last, &c., acording to the minute remayning, &c.

A placard for William Scopham, gentilman, for post horses for himself, one man and his guide to Berwick, and to be furnished in like case when he doth retorne back againe.

Ecclesiastical rents. A letter to Mr. John Gifford of Brightley, esquier, for the paiment of tharrerages of his rent to the Colledge of Windesor for the parsonadge of Northam, acording to the minute in the Councell Chest.

A letter to Christofer Berrye that where upon informacion of Mr. Gifford the parsonadge of Northam was transferred to him, and that there was due by him one yeres rent to be paid to the Colledge of Windesor at Mighelmas last, he is required upon the receipt of the letters to give order for the paiment of the rent, and to gyve bandes to the Deane of the said Colledge for the paiment of soche rent as shold growe to be dew from tyme to tyme hereafter.

A letter to Sir Nicholas Strainge, knight, Nicholas Myne and William Myne, to make payment of such debtes as is dewe to Sir Valentine Browne, knight, upon any bargaine of corne or other matter, orels to make their apparaunce before their Lordships by the last day of Januarye next cominge. p. 402. Sir V. Browne's accounts.

A letter to Sir Thomas Gargrave, knight, that wheare Robert Hawle, Jasper Blitheman, Margaret Swinbourne, William Swinebourne, John Hawle of Newcastell, Rafe Talboies and others are indebted to Sir Valentine Browne upon bargaines of corne and other matters, he is required to assiste William Scopham for the recoverye of the said debtes to the use of the said Sir Valentine, orels that they make their apparaunce before their Lordships as aforesaid, *ut supra.*

Letters to the Buisshoppes throughout the realme touching orders to be taken with certaine Justices of Peax and others that refuse to cume to the churche to Commen Prayer, &c., acording, &c. The recusants.

A letter to the Lord of Hunsdon, Governour of Barwick, declaring that the Regent of Scotland, having written to the Queen's Majestie to declare his intencion to repaier to the frontiers to represse certaine disorders committed by the broken men upon the Bordiers, and that for that purpose he had levied some forces of horsemen and fotemen to remayne in the countrey for a tyme till he shold accomplishe his intent, desireth her Majestie that order may be given to the Wardens of the Marches to joine with him in that purpose, and that they have care and be diligent that none of the Scottes fugitives may finde any aide, favour or succour in this realme; he also desyreth that some of the guarrison of Barwicke may be orderid to be attendaunt upon the Lord Scrope, for the better defence of that frontier, being the chefiest place of repaier of all the said broken men; the Queen's Majestie having good likinge of the Regentes requestes and purposes, their Lordships, by her Majesties commaundment, do signifie the same to the Lord Governour, to thintent that he, as so directed by her Majestie, may The peace of the Border.

give order to the Wardens of the other Marches that the same may be in all pointes observed acordinglye; and that also which belongeth unto himself, he is willed also to make this direction knowne to the Lord Regent withall spede, for that it appeareth he meaneth to take thinterprise in hand by the middest of this monith.

p. 403. At Windesore, the xxth of November, 1575.

The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Secretary Smithe.
Mr. Treasourer.	Sir Rafe Sadler.

Letters of summons. A letter to Lodowicke Grevill to make his personall repaier hither imediatly upon the receipt hereof, for such causes as shalbe declared unto him at his cominge.

The like to Edward Clere for his apparaunce here upon the receipt hereof.

Venetian travellers. *A pasport for Signor Antonio Moseingo, Signor Luis Josraci, Signor Jouan Moseingo, Signor Giovan Jaliero and others, gentlemen, Venetians, to passe to the sea coast quietlye, and to be servid of post horses and shippinge and other necessaries favorablie for their money.

The Colchester libels. A letter to the Lord Keper and Lord Tresourer with an-[other] inclosed from the Attorney and Sollicitour Generall, touching the two chief Justices and their owne opinions concerning the making and casting abrode of libels in the towne of Colchester. It is thought mete to send the said letter to their Lordships, that if they shalbe of the same opinion they may give order for the procedinge in the Sterre Chamber as they shall thinke mete.

At Windesore, the xxth (*sic*) of November, 1575.

The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Smyth.
Mr. Tresourer.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

* These names are most carefully and distinctly written.

A French prisoner.

A letter to the Mayour of Plimowthe and his brethern, where Jacques Ribault, a Frenchman, is committed to preson there for wordes spoken in Rochell, if he be not to be charged to have spoken or confirmed those his speches here in England, he shold be deliverid and banished the realme; but yf by due examinacion he were to be charged to have spoken any worde in this realme whereby by the lawes he deserveth ponishement, in that case they shold detaine him and advertise, that he mought be ordered acording to the qualitie of his offence; in which examinacion they should use thasistaunce of Sir Arthur Champernone and some other Justice neare adjoyninge.

p. 404.

The Agent in the Low Countries.

A letter to Mr. Corbet for her Majesties affaires in the Lowe Countrey, in the behalf of certaine merchauntes spoiled by suche as serve under forraine Commission, &c., acording to the minute remayninge in the Councell Chest.

At Windesor, the xxvjth of November, 1575.

Thapparaunces as before.

Appearances before the Council.

John Stukeley, sonne and heire to Lewis Stukeley of the countie of Devon, esquier, being bound as he saieth by recognisaunce before Sir John Gilbert, knight, to make his apparaunce before the Lordes of her Majesties Privey Counsell by sume convenient tyme, made this day his apparaunce and desired that it might be recorded acordingly, and was commaunded to attend their Lordships' furder plesure.

The same day Lodovicke Grevill, of Milcotte in the countie of Warwicke, esquier, understanding as he said of sume complainte made here before their Lordships by his tenantes in the countye (*sic*) of Welford in the countye of Glocester, came up of his owne accord to aunswer the same, before the Pursevaunt sent unto him with their Lordships' letter came unto him, and so desyred that his apparaunce might be recorded.

Edward Clere of the countie of Norffolk, esquier, being sent for by their Lordships' letter to appeare and aunswer a certen complainte made by his tenantes of the manour of Blecking in the said countye, came the same day and desyred his apparaunce might be entered acordinglye.

p. 405. At Windesor, the xxvijth of November, 1575.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.	

Coiners on the Border. Three letters, viz., one to the Lord Hunsdon, Governour of Berwick and Warden of the East Marches, another to the Lord Scrope, Warden of the West Marches, and Sir John Forster, Warden of the Middell Marches, to apprehend soche persons whose names were conteyned in a scedule sent from the Regent of Scotland, being onsetters and practisers with one Lawrence Nicholaj, Italian goldsmithe, late enhabitaunt of Barwick and now prisoner in Scotland, not onlye to counterfett that Kinges coigne but her Majesties also; and incase upon diligent serche any of them shalbe founde culpable of coyninge of the monies of the realme, they to procede with them acording to the lawes provided in this behalf; but yf they had counterfeted onlye Scottishe or other forraine [coin,] they shold nevertheles staye them till order were sent from hence for their punishement; and incase they shold finde any stampes of Scottishe money, to send the same to the Regent and advertise him of their doyinges, that by conference toguither the trothe of the practise might be throwghlye knowen.

The corn trade. A letter to the Lord Keper of the Grete Seale that where their Lordships were given tunderstand from the Buisshopp of Chichester and other Justices of Peax in Sussex that certaine persons had gathered grete quantitees of graine into

their handes to transporte, as it was thought, beyonde the seas, his Lordship shold, acording to a former warraunt from her Majestie, renewe the Commission for Restrainte of Graine and Vittailes to soche noble men and gentilmen as were Commissioners before, and the same to endure till Alhaloutide next.

Admiralty jurisdiction.

A letter to the Mayour of Dartemowth to make his apparaunce here, by the xvth of December, for thaunswering of a complaint made by Sir Arthur Champernone, in a letter to the Lord Admirall, for staying the sale of a hulke of salt, brought in by a piratte, contrarye to the liberties claimed by thadmiraltie, &c.

A letter to the said Sir Arthur to be here at the said time to charge the said Mayour for his misdemeanour. p. 406.

The Agent in the Low Countries.

A letter to Robert Corbett, esquier, presently for her Majesties affaires with the Governor of the Lowe Countreis, to consider a Supplicacion enclosed of certaine merchauntes spoiled by Mounsieur de Billie, the Kinges Governour of ———, coming from Embden, and upon conference with the Governour there of the Merchauntes Adventurers and bearer of this letter, who could informe him particulerlie of this whole cause before his departure from thence, to move the Governour that restitucion may be made acording to the treaties of entercoourse and amitie.

The poor prisoners in the Tower.

A letter to the Knight Mershall to receave certen prisoners of the Lieutenante of the Towre, to remaine under his charge in safe custodie till other order were taken, and to certifie the names of suche as shold be so deliverid unto him.

A letter to the Lieutenant of the Tower and Mr. Sollicitour Generall signifieng that, upon consideracion of his bill of pore prisoners remayning under his charge, her Highnes' plesure was that Thomas Earle, of Irishe birth, and Henry Almaine, committed for Papistrie, Humfrey Nedeham, committed for practisinge of sedicious libelles and letters against the Earle of Bedford, Robert Bardsay and

John Lions, committed for bringing over Papisticall bookes from the rebels, &c., Nevell Sandes, John Jackson and Davy Watkin, late servantes to the Earle of Shrowisburie, committed for the Queen of Scottes' causes, shold be deliverid to the Marshall, for which purpose they shold receve a letter unto him enclosed; and yet if any of them, Nedeham only excepted, shalbe able to put in good bandes and sureties of good abearing, then may they dismisse them without any more adoe; and further, he shold signifie unto John Nethsmite and Alexander Hamelton, committed for the Scottishe Quenes cawses, that, upon bandes that they shall departe her Majesties realme and dominions, never to retorne without special licence, then they might set them at libertie to repaire into other forraine partes.

p. 407. At the Sterre Chamber, the xxixth of November, 1575.

The Lord Tresourer.	Mr. Mildmay.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Sadler.

The religious prisoners.

This day John Harpesfilde, in the behalf of himself and his brother Nicholas Harpesfilde, being sicke, prayeth that his apparaunce might be recorded, acording to their bandes taken to appere before the Lords from tyme to tyme as they shuld sitte in Privey Counsell in the Sterre Chamber, which they have donne all this Terme acordingly.

The same day also ——— Weston and ——— Smitheson made their apparaunces acording to their bandes and desired to have the same recorded, and have attended at the Sterre Chamber every sitting there this Terme.

* Stukeley called for goeinge over without license.

John Stukeley, sonne and heire to Lewis Stukeley, being bound upon his retorne from beyonde the seas, why he had departed without licens, to make his personall apparaunce before their Lordships, did record his said apparaunce accordinglie at the Coourte at Windesor on Sonday last, being

* Original marginal note.

the xxvijth of November, and was by their Lordships enjoyned to appeare this daye; at which day beinge called before the Lords abovesaid, after some admonicion given him to loke better hereafter to his good behaviour, was clerely dismissed and discharged, with order that such bandes as had been taken of him for his said apparaunce shold be cancelled and delivered into his handes.

Disputes with tenants.

A letter to the Sherif of Norffolk, Sir Christofer Heidon, Sir William Buttes, Mr. Belle and others for thexamininge of the matter in controversie betwene Mr. Clere and his tenantes of Blickling, &c., acording to the minute in the Councell Chest.

A letter to _____ for thexamininge of the matter in controversye betwene Lodowicke Grevell and his tenantes in Glocester shiere, for inclosing of a common, &c., acording to the minute, &c.

At Windesor, the first of December, 1575. p. 408.

Subscribed:

The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Mr. Treasourer.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A disputed title.

A letter to Sir Mathew Arundell, Sir John Horsey, knightes, and Thomas Mollines, that wheare a possessyon hath been taken by Sir Henrye Knivett of the Castle of Shirborne in her Majesties title folowed by him for the controversie, and the said possession resisted by the Bishop of Salisbury, his tenantes and servantes, they be required to make their repaier thither, or to some other place neare unto yt, and to cause it to be inquerid as well touching the possession as the resistaunce, and thereupon as matter shall fall out to proceade acordinge to the due course of the lawes.

The Earl of Kildare.

Two letters written for thexaminacion of the case of thearle of Kildare, subscribed by certen Counsellours; one

to the Lieutenant, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Sollicitour, to examine James Hockey and Melior Hussenye (*sic*) in the Tower; thother to the Lord Keper, Lord Tresourer, Sir Walter Mildmay and the Sollicitour to examyne thearle; both upon suche interrogatories and instructions as shalbe given by Mr. Dillon and Allen, who have been acquainted with that matter from the beginninge.

At Windesor, the iij^{de} of December, 1575.

Subscribed as before, addinge thearle of Warwick and thearle of Bedford.

Loss of a choir boy.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles and Mr. Doctour Wilson that wheare one of Sebastianes boyes, being one of his principall plaiers, is lately stolen and conveyed from him, they be required to examine such persons as Sebastian holdeth suspected, and to proceade with such as be found faultie acording to lawe and thorders of the realme.

p. 409.

Robbers and sturdy beggars.

A letter to the Lord Keper and the Lord Tresourer to devise sume order against theaves robbing with pistolles, and against such persons as begge about London under pretence as being soldiours lately dischargid out of the realme of Ireland.

At Windesor, the vjth of December, 1575.

The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Tresourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Smithe.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

An Oxford controversy.

A letter to Doctour Humfreis, Doctour James, Giles Lawrence, Mr. Floide, and John Fetiplace and Hercules Rainsforde, or any fower of them, to examine a controversye betwene Adam Squier, Master of the Bailiff (*sic*) Colledge, and Robert Listour, Principall of Magdalen Hall, to ende it yf they can, orels tadvertise in whom the default is; and

lickwise to examine one Foster touching the carying of a libell made in defamacion of the said Squier; and finding the principall aucthours they shall either cause them to submytte themselfes to their faultes, orels proceade to the punishement, or to advertise hither.

At Windesore, the vijth of December, 1575.

Thapparaunces as before, saving thearle of Leicester.

Reprisals against Portugal.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie and the rest of the Commissioners for Portingale Causes in the behalf of Edward Preston, merchaunt of Hull, and other his consortes; that whereas heretofore they have had letters for thobteyning of processe out of the said Coourte for satisfaction of such losses as they have sustained by the said Portingals, yet notwithstanding they have not hitherto ben satisfied of any of the same; and therfore they are now required that the said complaynantes may eyther be recompensed now with the first of such surplusage of Portingals' goodes as hath ben found out by others and doth remaine in the handes of the said Commissioners, orels of any such Portingals' goodes as they shall espie hereafter and finde out to come into this realme, so that their proofes be duely made and the said goodes indifferently praised and good bandes taken of the parties to save her Majestie harmeles, incase their demaundes shall happen hereafter to be disproved. p. 410.

The Staffordshire recusants.

A letter to the Warden of the Flete to receave Brian Fowler into his charge and keping, with one servaunt to attend him, to have the libertye of the Fleete and the repaire of his frindes for vj wekes, in hope of his good conformities in thorders of Religion; if in that space he shew no amendment, then to hold him in close prison; so muche to tell him and advertise his aunswer within the said tyme.

A letter to the Knight Marshall to receave Sampson Erdswike and to kepe him close prisoner, with one servant, till he be furder directed.

The like to the Keper of the Gatehowse for Hughe Erdswick.

At Windesore, the viijth of December, 1575.

* Subscribed :—

The Lord Admirall. Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine. Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Warwick. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Treasourer.

Piracy. A letter of assistaunce to all Viceadmirals, Justices of Peace, Mayours, &c., in the behalf of Richard Busbie, for the assistaunce of certein proces out of the Coourte of thadmiraltie, aswell for the aresting of one James Johnson, a pirat as of all suche goodes as the said piratte had taken and spoiled from the said Busbie, in whose handes soever the same shalbe founde; so that the said Busbie may be satisfied thereof acording to justice and the trew meaning and effect of the said processe.

p. 411. A dispute as to a farm A letter to George Derby of Dartwiche that whereas a matter in controversye betwene the said Darbye on the one partie, and one Overton and Robert Bolton of Warwickshiere on thother partye, touching the lease of a farme for certaine yeres and ground to the same belonging, which cause heretofore hath been brought before the Lord President and Counsell of Wales, and by them committed over to the hearing and determinacion of the Buisshop of Worcester and Sir John Litell, knight, it was ordered under their handes and seales that the said peticioners shold have delivered them againe payenge to the said Derbye xxij^{li}, for not performaunce of which order by the said Darbye the peticioners exhibited to the Queen's Majestie a Supplicacion at Killingwourth, upon which the said Darbye promised then to the

* A new form of entry.

Lord President of Wales and Mr. Doctour Wilson to deliver unto the said complainant the said lease at Michelmas Terme last past, which as yet he hath not donne, but putteth the complaynantes continually to more charges in their said sute; he is now commaunded, immediately upon the receipt of this letter, to deliver the said lease unto them, orels to make his personall apparaunce here before their Lordships to declare some cause why he shuld refuse so to do.

The Ecclesiastical Commission.

A letter to the Commissioners for Ecclesiasticall Causes in Lancashiere, with a peticion inclosed exhibited by James Scalesbrick against Alexander Barlowe and Anne Halfall, widowe, doughter of the said Alexander; the said Commissioners are required to call the parties before them and to examine the trothe of the matter, and to procede acording to equitie and justice and in due course of the lawes in such cases provided; advertising them also that there are letters written to Barlowe that he shall appere before them, bringing with him his said daughter, at such tyme and place as they shall appointe.

A letter to Alexander Barlowe that upon notice given unto him by the Commissioners for Ecclesiasticall [Causes] in Lancashiere, [he] shall make his personall apparaunce before them at such tyme and place as they shall appointe unto him, bringing with him his daughter, Anne Halsall, widowe, and there to aunswer such matters as shalbe objected against them, and to receive and obey such further order as in equitye and justice shalbe thought mete by the said Commissioners to be delivered unto them.

At Windesor, the x^th^ of December, 1575. p. 412.

Subscribed by:—

The Lord Admirall.
Thearle of Warwick.
Thearle of Leicester.
Mr. Treasourer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Secretary Smith.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Piracy.

A letter of assistaunce to all the Queen's Majesties officers and ministers for thexecucion of proces out of the Coourte of thadmiraltie graunted to John Vedell of Marcellis against Bernard Riche and his complices, being Englishemen, for spoiles committed by them at the seas, to arrest the said Bernard and the ship and goodes spoiled wheresoever they be to be founde.

The released Scottish prisoners.

A pasporte for John Nethsmith, Scottisheman, late prisoner in the Towre, to passe by the way of Barwick into Scotland and never to retorne into this realme againe.

The like pasporte for Alexander Hamilton, Scotisheman, being late prisoner in the Towre, to passe unto Dover and so over into Fraunce, and not to retorne any more into this realme.

At Windesor, the xjth of December, 1575.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Thresorer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Admiralty cases.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie, with a peticion of certein Frenchmen, owners of a shippe called the Bonaventure of Marcellis, the peticion being recommended by the French Embassadour; he was willed to examine all parties whom the matter concerned, and thereupon to retorne his opinion what he thought mete in justice to be donne for thanswering and satisfaction of the peticioner.

A letter of assistaunce of proces of thadmiraltie to the Merchauntes of the Societie of the Stilliard for certein spoiles donne by Anthony Carne, Capten of the Castle of Cumfort, upon one Thyson, being one of the Companye of the said Stilliard.

p. 413. A poor man's case.

A letter to Sergeant Barham and Sergeant Lovelace in the behalf of Kaiser, touchinge the controversye betwene Doctour Huicke and him; their Lordships, taking grete compassion of his povertye, are movid to helpe him so farre

forth as they may by lawe, and therefore the said Sergiantes be earnestly required to consider of his case upon such evidence and witnesses as the said Keyser can showe and produce, and thereupon to retorne their opinions, so as upon their advice so set downe, order may be given for his remedye by the moost compendious way that may be by the lawe.

The Colchester libels.

This day George Dibney, committed to prison at Wodstock upon suspicion of making and casting abrode of sedicious libells in the towne of Colchester, havinge sithe that time remayned in the Marshall's warde, was by their Lordships' order set at libertie upon his owne bande of a c^{li} to make his personal apparaunce before their Lordships in the Sterre Chamber, the first day of the next Terme, as by his band remayninge in the Councell Chest may appeare.

A disputed title.

A letter to Fraunces Cave and Fraunces Saunders, with a peticion of one George Bringherst, conteyninge a complainte against one Mr. Watson of Rockington Castle in the countie of Northampton, touching three acres of ground belonginge to the late monastery of Peterbury; forsomuch as the peticioner appeared to be a very pore man, unable to folowe any long sute in lawe, they be required to call both parties before them with such witnesses as they can produce, whereupon when they shalbe fully instructed of the matter, they shall use all good meanes to bring them to agrement, orels to advertise in whom the default is, with their opinions of the state of the matter as it shall fall out before them, chiefelye in the pointe whether the iij acres of grounde in contencion have been heretofore leased with the pore man's copyehold, how long it hath ben so, and in how many ages (*sic*), so as thereupon their Lordships may proceade further acording to justice.

At Windesor, the xiiijth of December, 1575. p. 414.

Thearle of Warwick.
Thearle of Leicester.
Mr. Treasourer.
Mr. Secretary Smith.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The observance of Lent.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London in the behalf of _____, dwelling in Estcheape, to be one of them that might be licensed to kill and sell fleashe in the Lent and other forbidden tymes for the use of sick folkes and other persons dispensed with, with admonicion that none sholde be suffered to kill and sell fleashe but suche persons as were licensed, and that no greater nomber shold be licensed then is convenient, but in that pointe to kepe good order as to good governement apperteynethe.

A charge of assault.

A letter to the Mayour and Jurattes of the towne of Sandwich, with the peticion of Capten Hawkes declaring an assault to be made upon him within the Castle of Wolmer, whereof he is Capten, by Henry Isham, his sonne and servauntes; they be required to cause the same to be inquired of, and as it shalbe founde so to procede against the offendors acording to justice and the due course of the lawes, and to have chief regard that her Majesties peace may be kept on both sides and her subjectes kept in good order, and to advertise their Lordships incase they shall finde cause whye.

At Windesore, the xixth of December, 1575.

The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwicke.	Mr. Secretarye Smith.
Thearle of Leicester.	

Admiralty cases.

A letter of assistaunce of processe of thadmiraltie to Fowlke Aldersey of Chester, for the spoiles committed upon his shippe, called the Beare of Warwicke, by the men of St. Mallowes, whereof there was a duble signed in respect that it is supposed that some of the said towne are come into Ireland.

p. 415. A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie and the rest of the Commissioners for Causes of Portingall to consider of the peticion and proufes of Richard Elure and Arnold

Clerk of Southampton, and Roger Perrye of Poole, concerning the spoile of theyr shippe called the Blacke Raven, and their goodes laden in the same, taken by the subjectes of the Kinge of Portingall, and acording as due proofe should fall out to take order for their remedie and satisfaction, as they have donne to other her Majesties subjectes in like case injured, and acording to the true intent and meaning of her Majesties said Comyssion.

At Hampton Coourte, the xxijth of December, 1575.

The Lord Keper.	Thearle of Warwick.
The Lord Thresourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Arundell.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A summons.

A letter to William Sherington of London, merchaunt, to make his apparaunce before their Lordships immediatly upon the receipt for causes to be declared at his comynge.

Ecclesiastical rents.

It was appoineted that a tyme shuld be taken to heare the controversye betwene the Deane of Windesour and Mr. Blaggrave, touching certen landes and tythes belonging to the Colledge.

One Roger Edwardes was sent for by a Purcevaunt by the Lordes' commaundement.

An Admiralty case.

A letter of assistaunce of proces of thadmiraltie to Alderman Barne and other merchauntes of the Citie of London for a spoile committed by certen Frenchemen, pirattes, upon a shippe laden, called the Fraunces of Calme, laden with merchaundizes, by them assured to Fraunces Gingheins of Andwerpe.

Ecclesiastical rents and tithes.

A letter to John Gifford of Brightley, esquier, whereas letters heretofore hath been written unto him for paiment of the rent of the parsonadge of Northam, due by him to the Colledge of Windesour, to be aunswerid to the relief of the

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Poore Knightes there, he hath neither made payment nor sent up any person to enter into accompt as he was required; he is efte sones commaunded, all excuses set aparte, to make his apparance before their Lordships in the company of the bearer hereof, to aunswer aswell for his contempt past as to satisfie the debt as apperteineth.

A letter to Mr. Blagrave where he, being tenant to the Colledge of Windesor for certen porcions of tithes which he held of them, have refused to pay his rentes, whereby the Poore Knightes there stand unrelievid; he is required to make paiment of his rentes with all arrerages of the same unto the said Deane, or to such as shalbe appointed for that purpose.

The meeting of Parliament.

Letters to the Lords Chief Justices and others, &c., to be at London the xth of Januarye next, touching the Session of the Parliament, &c., acording to the minute, &c.

At Hampton Coourte, the xxiiijth of December.

The Lord Treasourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Arundell.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Bedford.	

Admiralty cases.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie with an[other] inclosed written to my Lords from the Mayour and inhabitauntes of the towne of Lyme in Norfolke, touching goodes taken at the seas by Englishe men serving forraine princes, the goodes being bought by the townesmen of the verye proprietaries from whom it was taken; he is required substanciallie to consider thereof, and of the proofes that are to be made of the allegacions, and comparing the same with the lawes and her Majesties Proclamacion lately set forth for those purposes, to direct the inhabitauntes what in justice ought to be donne, and to give order as so appointed

by their Lordships, that the same may be observed in all pointes accordinglie.

Another to the said Judge that wheare a shippe called the Bonaventure of Marcellis, whereof were owners one Vigvier and Tiratt, being staied upon suspicion that they weare pirattes and had sold some of her Majesties subjectes to the Turkes; forsomuche as no such matter can be proved against them, it is thought convenient they shalbe released and have restitucion of all such goodes as hath been taken from them by any of her Majesties subjectes, and so be favorablie dismissed.

At Hampton Coourte, the xxixth of December, 1575. p. 417.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Tresourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Warwicke.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.	

A murderous design.

A letter to Sir Edmund Asshefield, Fortescue and William Hawtrie, with certein letters and examinacions taken of a devise for the killing of John Morgan that maried the ——————; they be required to consider substanciallie of all that hath passed touching that matter, and upon that same and such further instructions as they shall get at thandes of the said Morgan and one Rafe Redman, touched in the said devise, to use all good meanes they can for finding out of the trouth, and to examine all persons that they shall thinke mete, and as any shalbe found faultie to take order for their safe keping or forthecominge, that they may be dealt withall acording to justice and the qualitie of their offences.

Reprisals against Portugal.

A letter to the Commissioners for Portingall Causes in the behalf of Pope of Taunton and Carre and Hill of Bristowe, with their peticion declaring their losses that they were not satisfied as others that were in like case dampnified; they

be required to consider of it, and to give order for them as they have donne in the like case for other her Majesties subjectes indifferently and with all uprightnes, with good regard that the goodes may be praised and good bandes to be taken for her Majesties indempnitie.

Disorder in Wales.

A letter to Sir Andrew Corbet, knight, Vicepresident, and the rest of the Counsell in the Marches of Wales to examine a complainte exhibited to the Queen's Majestie in the behalf of Catherine Meuricke and Catherine Weriott, her doughter, touching a riott and rape committed by certein of Sir John Perrottes servauntes, &c., acording to the minute and copy of the complaintes remayninge in the Councell Chest.

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At Hampton Coourte, the xxixth of December, 1575.

Thapparaunces as before.

The corn trade.

Three letters to the Commissioners for the Restrainte of Graine and Victuels in the counties of Norffolk, Glocester and Somerset in the behalf of George Higgins of the citee of Bristoll, merchaunt, &c., acording to the minute and his peticion remayninge in the Councell Chest.

The Steelyard.

A letter to the Governour of the Merchauntes Adventurers of the old Hanze to graunte to Sir Edward Hastinges, knight, the nominacion of two persons to be chosen free of that Societie.

The title to Shirborn Castle.

A letter to Sir Mathew Arundell, Sir John Yong, Sir John Horsey, knightes, William Grove and Thomas Mollins, esquiers, or any three of them, that wheare by former letters unto Mr. Arundell, Horsey and Mollins written upon informacion that a possession taken in her Majesties right of the Castle of Shirborne, her Highnes' title being folowed by Sir Henrye Knevet, knight, the same was disturbed and impeched by the tenantes and servantes of the Buisshoppe of Salisbury, they were required to repaire to the said Castell, and to cause inquerye to be made aswell

of the taking and keping of the said Castell as of the force that was used for disturbaunce of the same, and thereupon as matters shall fall out to procede acording to justice; forsomuch as nothing hath been advertised from them touching their doinges, Mr. Knevett complayninge that the persons who hold the possessions to the Queen's use are expelled, their Lordships require, in respect of justice to be donne to both partes, that the aforenamed gentilmen shall repaire to the said Castle and inquire of the doinges of the one or the other, and so to order the possession acording to right and as by lawe it ought to be.

Suspected pirates.

A placard to all Viceadmirals, Justices of Peax, Sheriffes and others, &c., that where the Lord Admirall is informed that certein persons in some partes of this realme do arme themselfes to the seas with shipping, &c., without any provision for the trade of merchaundize, whereby it is to be suspected that they intend some disordinarie service; their Lordships meaninge to restraine the same, there is sent alongest the sea coast with the said placard one Libras Foxe, servant to the Lord Admirall, who, finding any such preparacion, shall give notice thereof to the Viceadmirall and the Justices adjoyninge, and they, upon knowlege of the trothe, shall restraine such persons from going to the seas, unless it be upon good bandes with sureties sufficient that they shalbe of good behaviour in their pretended viages, the said bandes to be taken before the Judge of thadmiraltie resident in the countye, the Viceadmirall and two Justices of Peax; and furder, the Viceadmirals and Justices adjoyninge upon the sea coast be required to have good reguard at all tymes to suche unordinarely preparacions, and that they suffer no such suspected persons to passe the seas, but under such bandes so taken and retornid as abovesaide. p. 419.

Payments for plays.

A warraunt to the Treasourer of the Chamber to paye to the Master of the Children of Windesour, for presenting of a play before the Queen's Majestie upon St. John's Day at night last past, the somme of tenne poundes.

Another to the said Tresourer to pay out of such her Majesties treasure as remayneth in his handes to thearle of Leicester's players for presenting of a play before her Majestie upon Childermas Day at night last past, the somme of tenne poundes.

The Scottish Borders.

* A letter to Sir John Forster, knight, where their Lordships being given tunderstand from the Lord Scrope what good justice the Regent of Scotland had donne upon the West Marches, and that he meaneth to cume to the Middell Marches to do the like, he shold use good correspondencie in that behalf for the continuaunce of amitie, acording to the late agrement at Flouden, and to advertise their Lordships what shalbe donne therein.

The salt trade.

A letter to the Bailiffes and Burgeses of the towne of Wiche, in the countie of Worcester, to see that the farmers of certein saltfattes, placed by the Lady Stafford there, shuld not be dispossessed there, but continew in such sorte as heretofore they have donne; and touching one Graunt, who had an other lease from John Stafford, and thereby sought to disprove the said Ladies lease, and also dispose (*sic*) her assignes, they shold commaund him to make his apparaunce here to shewe the reasons of his doinges in that behalf.

p. 420.

At Hampton Coourte, the second of January, 1575.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Tresourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.	

Payment for plays.

A warraunt to the Tresourer of the Chamber to deliver to the playours of thearle of Warwick, for presenting two playes before her Majestie on St. Stephen's Daie and on New Yere's Daye at night last, the somme of xx^{li}.

* This entry is followed in the MS. by a similar entry in another handwriting, which has afterwards been crossed out.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London that those persones which come to the Queen's Majestie out of Holland may not be molested at the sute of any private person. Protection to Dutch envoys.

Another to the Judge of thadmiraltie for the same persons that no processe be awarded out of the said Coourte against any of them.

At Hampton Coourte, the iij^de^ of Januarie, 1575.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Treasourer.	

A letter to the Warden of the Fleete that wheare one Robert Cooke remayneth prisoner under his charge, it is ordered by their Lordships that he shalbe, upon sureties, put at libertie, and that bandes have ben taken here for him, acording to the said order. Release on bail.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London in the behalf of Robert Butler, Paymaster to the Gentlemen Pentioners, that where one William Sherington of London, merchaunt, having an administracion of the goodes of one John Downinge, late of London, haberdassher, which Downinge, havinge in his handes the somme of lviij^li^ vj^s^ viij^d^ which shold have been paide to the said Gentlemen Pentioners, the said Mayour is willed to take order with the said Sherington for payment thereof to the said Butler, acording to the minute remayninge, &c. An administration suit.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie that where one John Smithe, remayninge prisoner in Cornewall for some sea causes, whereof their Lordships have had no understandinge but by the complaint now exhibited, he is required to consider thereof, and to give order for the proofe and tryall of his doinges as lawe requireth, and that [by] such as shalbe in Commission for the triall of those causes p. 421. A maritime case.

in that countrey he may be either tried or deliverid as to justice apperteyneth.

French wines. A letter to the Lord Thresourer that he cause order to be given throughout the portes of all the realme for the due observacion of the Proclamacion lately set forth for the prices of wines that shall come into this realme out of Fraunce.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London for the same purpose, that it may be observed in London and the Liberties of the same.

The cloth trade. A letter to the Master of the Rolles and Mr. Sollicitour Generall to consider upon certein articles of an agreament made betwene the Merchauntes Adventurers and certein clotheworkers of the Citie of London, that they may be set downe and covenanted betwene both partes, both conformablie to lawe and for the benefitte of the realme, and in such sorte as no controversye or complainte may hereafter arryse betwene them touching the due and full observacion of the same, and to advertise their opinions.

Piracy. A letter of assistaunce at the sute of John Rathermaker, merchaunt strainger resident in London, to a proces out of the Coourte of thadmiraltie to her Majesties officers, either in England or Ireland, for the recoverye of a shippe called the Angell Gabriell of Antwerpe, laden with spices, and taken and spoiled in her way homewardes to Flaunders besides the Isle of Sillye, and after had into the realme of Ireland, acording to the effect and meaninge of the said proces.

p. 422. At Hampton Coourte, the vijth of Januarye, 1575.

The Lord Keper.	Thearle of Bedford.
The Lord Thresourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Arundell.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to the Buisshop of London to take bandes of Doctour Chedsey, prisoner in the Fleete, in one c^{li} to her Majesties use; Richard Siberey, tallowe chaundelour, in x^{li}; Thomas Clerk, merchaunt taylour, in xl^{li}; upon condicion as was taken for Watson and Fecknham, and therupon to be deliverid to the said Thomas Clerke, and to be discharged from the Fleete. Release on bail.

A letter to the Warden of the Fleete to bring him as he shalbe appoineted by the Bishop of London, and to deliver him acording to his Lordship's direction.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie, with a peticion of certein Westerne marriners, complayninge for not payment of their wages for a ship voiadge, that he shall call the parties whom it concerneth, and to take order for the pore men's satisfaction, or to appoint them to appere before my Lords. An Admiralty case.

A warraunt to the Thresourer of the Chamber to paye unto Sebastian, Master of the Children of Powles, for presenting of a play before her Majestie upon Twelfe Day at night last past, the somme of x^{li}. Payment for plays.

A letter to the Lord of Hunsdon to make his repaier to the Coourte to conferre with their Lordships touching some controversies betwene the Receavour of Yorkeshiere and certein officers of the guarrison there. Lord Hunsdon.

At Hampton Coourte, the viijth of Januarie, 1575. p. 423.

The Lord Keper.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie that where their Lordships were given tunderstand that a shipp of Fraunce, laden with butter, was taken by a man of Rochell and brought into Waymowth and Melcombe Regis; becawse their Lordships wold be glad to helpe Mr. Warcop, one of Rochelle pirates.

her Majesties Gentlemen Pentioners who had susteyned grete losses in Fraunce, he shuld direct forth his Commission apon the same as belonging to pirattes, and to cause the same to be sold at the greatest price, and the money arysing to be sequestrid into sume honest and substanciall men's handes, where it may be furthcominge to be deliverid as their Lordships shall hereafter appointe; and he to advertise upon the retorne of the Commission what shall have been donne, &c.

A charge of assault.

A letter to Justice Southcote and Dr. Wilson to examine a matter touching the hurting of Mr. Alfonso his brother in Southwark by the Watch, to take order that thoffendours may be furthcominge to aunswer acordinge to the qualitie of the offence.

At Hampton Coourte, the ixth of Januarye, 1575.

The Admiralty Court.

A letter for assistaunce of proces out of the Coourte of the Admiraltie at the sute of John Rathermaker, strainger, of the same tenour as an other was of the date of the thirde of this present.

A letter to the Lord Deputie of Ireland to the same effecte.

A farm in dispute.

A letter was written by my Lords to one John Lee to make a reassuraunce of a lease of a farme to one Sexe, acording to the minute in the Councell Chest.

p. 424. At Hampton Coourte, the xth of Januarie, 1575.

The Lord Tresourer.	Mr. Tresourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Arundell.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Piracy.

A placard to three of the Lord Admiral's servantes, viz., Lidgard, White, Gilbert Peppit, for thexecucion of processe

of thadmiraltie against certein offendours in cases of piracie within the countie of Devon and the citie of Exceter, the said placard directed to all Viceadmirals and others, &c.

A letter of assistaunce graunted to Calveti and Baptista against Callice and Battes, of spoiles committed by them upon a shipp of Spaine, called Our Ladye, the Conception, laden with wolles being their goodes; and forsomuch as it is informed that the said Callice repaireth to Denbigh and hath brought thither a grete parte of the goodes, all Viceadmiralles and other her Majesties officers, chieflie they of that towne, be required to assiste such processe as shalbe sent by the said merchauntes for the due execucion as they shall obtaine out of her Majesties Coourte of thadmiraltie, so as they may recover their losses, and offendours may be arrested and staied to aunswer their factes acording to justice.

A letter to the Lordes Chief Justices and other Justices appointed to conferre for Parliament causes, to consider of a certein bill and articles exhibited by one Peter Blackborowe against the clothiers of the counties of Wilteshiere and Somersett, appon pretence of a Statute 5° *Philippi et Marie*, to consider what is possible and convenient to be donne for the benifitte of the realme, and what imperfection to be amended in the Statute, that the same may be considerid of at the next Parliament, and to advertise their Lordships. The cloth trade.

A letter to Frauncis Godolphin that whereas their Lordships were given tunderstand by Calvete and St. Bitores, factours of the Spanishe nation, that a certein shippe laden with wolles was, in their way to Flaunders, taken and spoiled besides Selly by John Callis and Battes, Englishe pirattes, whereof twoo packes, as it is said, were lefte with his Deputie at Selly, he sholde acording to the proces of the Coourte of thadmiraltie see the same restored, orels advertise their Lordships and the Judge what lawfull cawse he hath to the contrarye. Piracy.

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p. 425. Irish accounts. A letter to Sir William Fitzwilliams that whereas at the tyme of his being Deputie in Ireland their Lordships wrote sundrie letters unto him for the recompensing of Calveti and John Baptista St. Bitores for certein wolles taken by Capten Nicholas Malbye, as the same shold arise upon his intertaignement, which said Malbye assigned them over to receave therefore certein otes in Ireland dew unto him by his order, which they could not get, and therefore he, the said Sir William Fitzwilliam, promysed that the said Malbye shold be aunswered thereof here, either by him self or her Majestie; he shold signifie what had been donne, to thend their Lordships might knowe what is to be aunswerid to the said straingers.

*xiijth of January.

Subscribed by:

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Piracy. A letter of assistaunce of processe of thadmiraltie sent by Arthur Pelt, one of the ministers of the said Coourte, for the aresting of John Callice and Battes, after the like letters graunted at the sute of Calveti and John Baptista Sambitores, for that the Lord Admirall is informed that the said Callice is otherwise a notorious malefactour and hath committed sundry greate piracies, the same being directed to all Viceadmirals and others, &c., as is acustomed.

The Savoy. The same day letters were written by certaine of my Lords as Commissioners appointed for causes of the Savoye and the state of that Hospitall, the minute of which letters remayneth in the Councell Chest, with the note of the names to whom the same was written.

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* The date and attendances are given in the margin of the MS.

A precept subscribed by the same Lordes was delivered o William Grantsonne, messinger, for the summoninge of he parties underwritten:— Letter of summons.

Thomas Fanshawe, esquier.	Anthony Skellaker.
Anthonye Roane, esquier.	Peter Richard.
John Goslinge.	John Slape.
Richard Ballard.	Peter Romney.
Anthony Howell.	Robert Compton.
Nicholas Giffardue.	The Lady Mary Grey.

At Hampton Coourte, the xiijth of Januarye, 1575. p. 426.

The Lord Keper.	Thearle of Arundell.
The Lord Tresourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	

This day, Fraunces Gatacre, gentleman, prisoner in the Fleete for causes of Religion, namely, for not cominge to he churche in tyme of preaching and Commen Prayers, eing commaunded by theyr Lordships upon his allegiaunce, elded from henceforth of better conformitie in those cases; vherupon it was ordered that he shold be deliverid, and etters were written to the Warden of the Fleete acordinglie. The Fleet Prison.

The same day sute being made in the behalf of Henrye Burnell, close prisoner in the Fleete, that in respect of his icknes he might have libertie of the howse and gardens, he same was graunted unto him, and letters written to the Warden of the Fleete for that purpose.

At Hampton Coourte, the xvth of Januarye, 1575.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.	

A letter to Owen Holland of thisle of Anglesey, to make is apparaunce before their Lordships with convenient spede. A summons.

p. 427. At Hampton Coourte, the xxth of Januarye, 1575.

The Lord Treasourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A charge of piracy. A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie, sending unto him a Supplicacion of William Leffer, merchaunt of St. Mallowes in Britaine, touching the spoile of a shippe of his committed to (*sic*) certen Englishmen possessing the Castle of Comfort, to consider thereof, and such proofes as have been sent from the Governour of Britayne, and to direct forth his Commission for the restitucion acording to justice and lawe.

Escaped prisoners. A letter to the Lord Mayour of London for assisting thofficers of the Kinges Benche that certein prisoners escaped from thence, either by privey watche or other good meanes, that they might be apprehendid and retornid thither againe.

An open letter to all her Majesties officers for the same effecte.

At Hampton Coourte, the xxijth of Januarye, 1575.

Thapparaunces as before.

Private controversies. A letter to the Justices of Assises in the countye of Somerset at theyr next cominge downe to examine certein controversies betwene Sir John Stall, knight, and others, gentlemen of that shiere, &c., acording to the minute, &c.

Lewd words. A letter to Mr. Justice Sothecote and Mr. Recorder of London, to examine a certein informacion given by one William Adams, servant to the Countesse of Worcester, and sent hither from the Lord Northe, that one Dorothee Mynnes, wyfe to the Keper of Newgate, shold have utterid in the presence of certen persons named there certen lewde speches touchinge the Queen's Majestie and the Earles of

Warwick and Leicester, and upon confession or other sufficient proofe to procede for the punishement acording to lawe.

At Hampton Coourte, the xxiiijth of Januarye, 1575. p. 428.

Subscribed by:

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.	

The Marshall of Berwick.

Letters dated the xviijth were this day signed to be sent to Sir Robert Cunstable, knight, Mershall of Barwick, in aunswer of his touching the touching (*sic*) paye made to the guarryson there, and signifieng furder unto him that where contencion was risen betwixt Sir John Forster and him for his own paie during the tyme of his service there in thabsence of the Governour, in respect of his chargeable entrie and the burden susteined sith he was placed it is appointed that he shalbe allowed for his intertaignement from the day that her Majestie bestowed the office upon him, and that it is so signified unto Sir John Forster, not dowbting but he will hold him self therwith contented.

A letter to Sir John Forster to the effecte abovesaide.

Irish matters.

A letter to the Lord Deputie of Ireland, dated yesterdaye, in aunswer of two letters of his, with *postilles* to certein articles conteyning the requestes of Tirlough Linaugh, acording to the minute in the Councell Chest.

A letter to the Mayour, Aldermen and citezins of Waterford thancking them for their frindelye and bountifull intertainement shewed to the Lord Deputie in his passage towardes the West partes of that realme.

A letter to Sir Lucas Dillon, the Chief Baron, thancking him for his good aide and assistaunce given to the Lord Deputie in all his jorneis sith his late entering into governement.

p. 429. A letter to Sir Edward Fitton, knight, explayning her Majesties meaning that besides the 20,000^{li} appoinetid yerely from hence towardes the Deputies governement, there should also be issued upon his warraunt, from tyme to tyme, the revenewes growing to her Majestie in that realme, having reguarde that first there were paide thereof thintertaignement of the Chauncelour, the Justices, other civile officers and patentees appointid to be paid out of the Exchequier there.

A letter to the Lord Deputie in recomendacion of Salomon ———, the Agent for Tirlough Lenagh, that with thadvice and helpe of tharchebisshop of Dublin and the Bishop of Meth he mought be preferred to some churche living such as he shold be thought able to discharge, and that with the first opportunytie, for that, that he, being destitute of any civile intertaignement, their Lordships muche desyred to have him placed in some convenient lyvinge.

A lease in dispute.

A letter to ——— Leigh, gentleman, willing him, acording to their Lordships' former order and letter, ether to make a reassuraunce of the lease morgaged to Wolman, his predecessor, the money being paide, orels to make his repaier hither, or send, if by his helth he can not, then to send one sufficientlye instructed to declare what lawfull causes he hath to the contrarye.

A merchant's difficulties.

An open letter to the creditours of William Nutshawe of the towne of Southampton, merchaunt, that whereas he had sustained grete losses and spoiles by Frenchmen, whereof the Kinge had promysed her Majesties Embassadour that restitucion sholde be made spedelye, and the same was assured by Mounsieur De la Motte, one of the said Kinges Ambassadours here; for that he feared that either he, his goodes, merchaundises and sureties might be molested and arrested for debts which he could not pay onles he first recovered his losses there, to require them to forbeare to molest or arrest him, his said goodes or sureties, for

the space of sixe monithes next ensuinge, by which tyme he may be either paied in Fraunce, or her Majestie, upon deniall of justice, is to take other order for him and other her subjectes in like sute.

A letter to the Commissioners for the Dividend and Restitucion of Spanishe Goodes arrested before the renewing of the intercourse, in the behalf of Hectour Nonnez, doctour of phisicke in London, &c., acording to the minute remayninge, &c. p. 430. Reprisals against Spain.

* The last of January, 1575.

This day, Margaret Swinborne, of Newcastell upon Tyne, widowe, being bound to make her personall apparaunce before the Lords of the Counsell, hath appered accordinglye, and is commaunded by the said Lords to give her attendaunce againe at the Coourte at Westminster upon Tuesday next cominge, and not to departe untill furder order shalbe by their Lordships taken with her. A summons obeyed.

And where one William Swinborne, sonne of the said Margarett, was comaunded also to make his apparaunce at that day, it is testified by the said Margaret, his mother, that by reason of sicknes he is not able to appere.

John Hall of Grenecrofte, in the Bissoprick of Duresme, gentleman, being also bounde to make his apparaunce at this daye, hath donne the same acordinglye, and he is commaunded by the said Lords to give his attendaunce at Westminster upon Tuesday next, as is aforesaid, and from thence not to departe till further order shalbe taken with him.

At Hampton Coourte, the —— of Januarye, 1575.

Subscribed by the

Lord Chamberlaine.	Thearle of Leicester.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

* The date is given in the margin of the MS.

A recusant in the Fleet.

A letter to the Warden of the Fleete that where Brian Fowler, esquier, was close prisoner theare for some obstinacye in cawses of Religion, namely, for not cominge to the church in tymes of preachinge and Common Prayer; upon informacion given that his close keping hath bred him some sicknes to put him in some perill of his lyfe, and upon some hope conceived of his conformytie by conference with suche as he semith to creditte, it hath ben thought reasonable, in respect of his helth and for some triall to be made of him, that he shall for a tyme be suffered to have his libertie, and therefore the Warden is required to take order therein.

p. 431.

The leather trade.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London that where a scruple was made by some of thofficers appoineted by him for thexecucion of the Statute for Tanners, made in *anno* 5° of her Majesties raigne, to sett the seale to suche leather as shold be dispenced within certen defaltes by Edward Dyer, esquier, by vertue of a graunte made unto him by her Majesties Letters Patentes; it is thought convenient, and so signified by their Lordships as a matter intended in the said Letters Patentes, that they shall not refuse to set the seale nor use any ceasure or forfeicture upon such leather as shalbe dispenced with by the order of the said Letters Patentes graunted unto Mr. Dyar.

Breton pirates.

Two letters of assistaunce of proces out of the Coourte of the Admiraltie graunted to ——— Diconson and other merchauntes of Bristowe, complayninge of certein spoiles committed upon them at the seas by thinhabitauntes of the towne of St. Mallowes, directed to all Viceadmirals, Justices, &c., throughout all her Majesties dominyons, aswell within liberties as without.

A recusant in the Fleet.

A letter to the Warden of the Fleete that where John Draicote, esquire, close prisoner under his charge, hath certein causes dependinge in lawe in which it was necessarie he shold conferre with his lernid counsell, their Lordships thought reasonable that his said counsell might repaire unto

him and conferre with him in the presence of the said Warden or sume of his trustie servantes; and where his close keping is thought to brede him some sicknes, the Warden is appoineted to suffer him at his discrecion to have the walke of the garden at such convenient tymes as he shall thinke mete, forseing that this favor be not abused to any bad purpose.

A warraunt to the Threasurer of the Chamber for x^{li} to be paid to the Lord Chamberlaines players for presenting of a playe before her Majestie on Candelmas Day at night. Payment for plays.

At Westminster, the xth of Februarye, 1575.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London that whereas one John Rocheford of Dublin in Ireland was by warrant from thence to receve certein money out of her Majesties Receipt here, which was hopid shold be shortlye, by reason the same Rocheford feared to be arrested and trobelid by sundry his creditours within that Citie, to require him that any sute comensed alredye against him, or might hereafter by any of his said creditors be, might be staied untill order shuld be taken by her Majestie for his payment. An Irish creditor.

This day, Thomas Hayman, esquier, Recorder of Weymowth and Melcombe Regis, Robert Gregorye and John Peeres, inhabitauntes of the said towne, on the side of Melcombe, made their apparaunce, alleadging that acording to their Lordships' letters heretofore directed unto them in that behalf, dated the xiiijth of November last past, they cam up sufficiently aucthorised from that stede of Milcombe to shewe certein liberties and charters of that side, to thintent that, by their Lordships or otherwyse, sume order might be taken that soche controversies and strifes as have arrisen sith the unitinge of both the townes of Waymowth and Melcombe p. 432. Weymouth and Melcombe Regis.

Regis by Acte of Parliamente, upon some dowbtes of the said Statute, might be appeased and compounded for the benefite of them both as shalbe thought convenient.

A prisoner to be bailed.

A letter to the Lord Chief Justice in the behalf of Neale, prysoner in the Kinges Benche, that wheare letters were heretofore written to consider how he might be bailed by the lawes, and the same were not deliverid, now the said Lord Chief Justice is required to receve such informacion as the said Neale can give to prove how he may be bailed in manner aforesaid by lawe and order of that Coourte, and to accomplishe the same if it may be donne, reguarding the acceptaunce of his sureties, his dysabilitie and impoverishement occassioned.

At Westminster, the xijth of Februarye, 1575.

Thapparaunces as before.

Weymouth and Melcombe Regis.

Thomas Saumys and Thomas Clement, inhabitauntes of the towne of Weymowth and Melcombe Regis, on the side of Waymowth made this day their apparaunce, being sent up sufficiently, as they say, aucthorysed under the seale of that towne to shewe certen charters which they have for the mainetenance of soch liberties as they pretend to have, to thintent that by their Lordships' order or otherwyse soche stryfe and controversyes as are arrysen betwene them of the said towne of Waymowth and those of Melcombe Regis, sith the making of the late Acte of Parliament for the union of them bothe, may be heard and compounded as shalbe thought expedient.

p. 433.

At Westminster, the xiijth of Februarye, 1575.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Arundell.	Mr. Sadler.
Thearle of Warwicke.	Mr. Mildmay.
Thearle of Bedford.	

A letter to the Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas and Sergeaunt Barrham in the behalf of Thomas Bringhurst, that wheare a cause of his in controversie hath been heretofore committed to Mr. Lace and Mr. Saunders to eande it yf they could, or to certifie the default with their opinions in the matter; forsomuche as no ende is made and the matter is to be tried before them as Justices of the Assises, they be desired, in case the matter can not be eandid by compromyse, which is thought moost convenient in respect of his povertie, they shall assigne him learned counsell to informe themselfes of his case, and to pleade for him, and to have reguarde that the triall be made with all indifferency. A legal difficulty.

A letter to the Lord Deputie of Ireland, where the Ladye of Kildare repayreth into that realme with her Majesties licens and favour for setting of thearles livinge lefte out of order through his suddayne cominge over, whereby losse hath growen, and more is likelye if it be not forseen and prevented; his Lordship is required, as by her Majesties commaundment, to aide and assiste her by all good meanes that he can in the purposes aforesaid, and to have speciall regard that none of the said Earles tenantes or farmours be spoiled, but holden in their possession or right as if thearle weare at home. The Earl of Kildare.

A letter to the Keper of the Gatehowse of Westminster that wheare Hughe Ereswicke, close prisoner under his charge, is to be brought before thearle of Essex at such tyme and place as shall like his Lordship, he is willed upon significacion by the said Earle, or by one of the Clerckes of the Counsell, to cause him to be brought with a Keper and after to be returned with his Keper againe, to be used as afore tyme, acording to their Lordships' letters when he was committed. A recusant in the Gatehouse.

At Westminster, the xvijth of Februarye, 1575. p. 434.

The Lord Treasourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.

Gambling houses in London.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London to take order for the reformacion of howses of playe used in that Citie.

Admiralty process resisted.

A letter to the Sheryffe of the countie of Glamorgan to send up in safe kepinge, or under very good bandes, William Herbert of the Highe Strete and Robert ap Ivan in Cardif, for disobeyinge processe of the Coourte of thadmiraltie and mysusing him that cam with the said processe.

A letter to William Harbert and Nicholas Harbert to appeare before their Lordships for the cause aforesaid.

A Spanish vessel detained.

A letter to the Mayour and Jurattes of the towne of Rye to set at libertie a vessell, called a jabre (*sic*), belonging to the King of Spaine, staied by them, with her tacle, men and furniture, orels with spede to informe the cause, and in the meane tyme to use them no more extremelye then the cause requireth.

Robbers in London.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London to use all meanes that he can for the apprehencion of John Bowcer, Anthonye Pointz and Fraunces Moores, complayned of for sundrye robberies committed by them; that he shall make searches, as in such cases is acustomid, as well within the Citie as in the Liberties of the same.

An open letter to all Justices and other officers and subjectes to be aidinge and assisting to such a one as shalbe sent for for (*sic*) the apprehencion of the persons aforesaid.

Reprisals against Portugal.

A letter for expedicion and assistaunce to all Mayours and others, &c., in the behalf of Richard Nasshe of Carmarthen, merchaunt, for the assistaunce of proces from the Commissioners for Portingall Causes for recoverye of his losses susteyned by Portingals, with like *proviso* as for Norris and Brasyer, as foloweth hereafter, entered the same day.

p. 435. A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie in the behalf of William Nutshawe of Southampton, merchaunt, acording to the minute remayning, &c.

A fray in London.

A letter to the Lord Chief Justice, Mr. Sackford, Mr. Attorney and the Recorder of London, or any two of them,

that wheare an affray was lately made betwixt one Fulstone and Eton in the streete nere the Barbican, wherby grete inconveniences maye growe betwene the Earle of Kent and Mr. Barlew and their companies on eche side, they be required with all expedicion to examine the matter and maner of the said fray, and for that purpose to call before them all persons by whom they may understand the trothe, and as matter shall fall out to take order for the apprehencion and committing of the offendours, and of their doinges to advertise their Lordships with spede, to thende that, knowing the truthe, they may procede againste suche as shalbe found faultie acording to justice and the qualitie of the offence.

The walls of Berwick.

A letter to the Marshall and Gentleman Porter of Barwicke that whereas they be informed of certen decaies of the walles and gates of the towne very necessarie to be repaired, they be willed to call unto them artificers of understanding to survey and to judge what somme of money shall suffice for the repayring thereof, and to certifie, to thende order may be taken for allowaunce as the case shall requier.

Seditious libels.

A placard to all Justices, Mayours, and others, &c., to aide the bearer hereof in making searche for certein writinges and libels secretly spred abrode within the countie of Sussex, the same tendinge to the sclaunder of certein persons of good creditt and to brede grete unquietnes amongest sundry her Majesties subjectes; and where any offendours in that case shalbe founde, to give order that they may be furthcominge to be aunswerable to justice and the qualities of their faultes.

Reprisals against Portugal.

An open letter of assistaunce to all Viceadmirals, Justices of Peace, &c., to be aiding and assisting to John Norris and Thomas Brasier in thexecucion of certen proces graunted by the Commissioners for Causes of Portingall for staying of such goodes as do belong to the said King or any of his subjectes and shall come into this realme, to the ende they may be aunswerid of such losses they have susteyned by stay of their goods there, provided that there be no sale

made nor imbeselling of the goodes so arrested but by further auctoritie and order from the said Commissioners.

p. 436. A merchant's difficulties. A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie touching William Nutshawe, merchaunt, of Southampton, for order for soche losses as he hath susteyned in Fraunce, acording to the minute remayning in the Chest.

A dispute as to land. A letter to John Hastinges of the countie of Oxford to bring or send up in safe keping a dede of feofement signed with the hand of Sir Richard Wayneman, knight, deceased, concerning the mannour of Cassewell and other landes assured by the said Sir Richard to the Lady Wayneman, his wife, and after her death to Fraunces Wayneman, his thirde sonne, toguither with an indenture wherein the use of the fine levied of the premisses is expressed, for that a cause now dependinge in controversie betwene the said Lady Waineman and the said Fraunces cannot be decided without the sight of the said writinges, and therefore he is willed in any wyse not to faile, but to send up the said writinges.

A private quarrel. This day there were called before my Lords the Lord Zouche and the Lord North, and upon declaracion of some contencion risen betwixt them, they weare both commaunded upon their allegiaunce to the Queen's Majestie to kepe the peace thone against thother, aswell for themselfes as for their servantes and frindes; the which they both promysed before their Lordships that they wold dutifully performe.

At Westminster, the xixth of Februarie, 1575.

The Lord Keper.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Sadler.

A letter to the Vicepresident and Counsell in the Marches of Wales for bailing of Guye Poole and Edmund Huntley, imprisoned there for suspicion as accessaries to the robberies of persons, if upon new examinacion there shalbe found no cawse whie they may not be bailed by the lawe.

At Westminster, the xxth of Februarye, 1575. p. 437.

The Lords not sittinge in Councell.

Richard Tremaine, of the parishe of St. Goran in the countie of Cornewall, gentleman, and Frauncis Eyreman, of the parishe of St. Newelim in the said countie, gentleman, being bound either of them in the somme of c^{li} to make their apparaunce before the Lords of the Privey Councell, appeared this day, and they and either of them comaundid not to departe away untill they shalbe otherwise licensed by their Lordships. An appearance before the Clerks.

A letter of assistaunce to a proces out of the Coourte of thadmiraltie for Thomas Pratte, Customer of Ipsewich, for Portingall goodes. Reprisals against Portugal.

At Westminster, the xxijth of Februarye, 1575.

The Lord Tresourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Comptroller.

A letter to Justice Mounson and Sergeaunt Barrham to examine Thomas Hilles, Raulf Barlowe and others, informed to be contrivers of certein libells to the infamye of the Buisshop of Chichester; they shall first receave instruction of the Bishop, and thereupon call before them the persons above named and all others suspected, and to use all meanes that they can to finde out the truthe; and acording as matter shall fall out, having reguarde to the nature of their offences, to take order for Seditious libels.

their furthcominge, that they may be ordered as their faltes shall appeare to have deserved.

The Undersheriffs of Norfolk.

A letter to Sir Christofer Heidon, Sir William Buttes, Fraunces Windham and Edward Flowerdue, or any iij of them, sent by Robert Jemson, with a peticion inclosed conteyning certein complaintes against the Under Sherifes and their clerkes of the countie of Norfolk; they be required to take informacion of the suppliauntes and to call the parties that shalbe touched, and to make certificat as the matter shall fall out of the offences that any person shalbe charged with, and to call before them all such persons as shalbe produced on eche side for the witnessing of such matters as shall be alleadgid.

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An arbitration.

A letter to Sir George Blunt, Thomas Trentham, Richard Bagotte and John Bowes, or any three of them, that wheare sundrie controversies have long depended betwene Hughe and Sampson Erediswickes of thone partie, and Sampson Watwoode on thother partie, both being bound to abide their awardes, they be required to appoint some tyme and place meete for the purpose to heare the said controversies, and thereupon to set downe their awarde and deliver it under their handes and seales, so that the same be donne by the first day of Esther Terme next.

Prize salt.

A letter to Sir Arthur Champernone, knight, declaring unto him that one Jeffrey Prior having proved him self proprietarie of the salt by him sold at Dartmowth in her Majesties Coourte of thadmiraltie, and that the same being sold for iij^{s} iiij^{d} the bosshell, when it was worth vj^{s} viij^{d} the boshell, and yet [he] doth refuse to make payment or come to accompt; he is required to make payment acording to the order of the Coourte of thadmiraltie, orels to advertise sume juste cause why he doth it not, to thende the peticioner may be aunswered in reason.

Recusants.

A letter to the Bishop of London that where ——— ——— are convented by the Bishop of Gloucester for not comynge to the churche, and they excuse themselfes

through the insufficiencie of the curat, and for that cause do go to churches better servid, his Lordship is required to examyne them of the trouthe of their opinyons touching Religion, and to advertise their Lordships acordinglie, that they may proceade further as cause requireth.

Wallingford bridge.

A letter to certein Justices in the countie of Berks that wheare a certaine toll is paid for the repayring of Wallingford bridge, and the same levied by thinhabitauntes and officers of the towne of ——— and the bridge nothing repaired, they be required yerely at Mighelmas to take accompt of the receiptes, and to see the same from tyme to tyme imployed as shalbe thought necessarye for the purpose, and to advertise if they shall finde any that shall disobeye.

At Westminster, the xxvjth of Februarye, 1575. p. 439.

The Lord Keper.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Sadler.
Thearle of Leicester.	

Pirates in Ireland.

A letter of assistaunce for Thomas Lydierd, servant to the Lord Admirall, to repaire into Ireland with processe out of her Majesties Coourte of thadmiraltie for the apprenhencion of certein pirattes, to arrest their shippes, goodes and merchaundizes.

A letter to the Lord Deputie of Ireland of the same effect, naming the pirattes to be Callis and Battes, with their associates; with a *postscript* to cause James Heidon, a piratt haunting upon that coast, to be apprehendid and delivered to the said Lidierde.

Border troubles.

A letter to the Lord Regent of Scotland, touching some quarell betwene the Greymes and the Maxwels, acording to a minute remayninge in the Chest.

Maritime insurance.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltye in the behalf of William Villiers, merchaunt of London, havinge assured and paied a hundred nobles upon the goodes of Edward Osburne and Richard Stapers which were taken by Portingals, for which they had stayed by Commission certein Portingals' goodes, and wold leave the assurer unpaied; they shold call the parties before them and take order acording to justice, and if the parties were not contented then to advertise their Lordships of their opinyon.

The tenants of the Dean and Chapter of Durham.

A letter to Sir John Forster, Warden of the Middell Marches, and to Sir Cuthbert Collinwoode, with certein peticions inclosed conteyninge a complainte exhibited to the Queen's Majestie by certein tenantes belonging to the Deane and Chapiter of Duresme against the Deane and Chapter there; and forsomuch as it is thought requisite that the Deane, John Pilkington, Fraunces Pilkinton and Thomas Lever shold appeare before their Lordships, and that they shold be informed of the case by the tyme of their cominge, they be required to appoint some tyme and place for hearing of both parties, and such proofes as eche of them can produce for testifieng of the trouth; and thereupon, after they shall
p. 440. fully understand the certeintie, to advertice their Lordships, and to give daye to the Deane and the rest for theyr apparaunce acording to letters to be deliverid by them to the said Deane and others from their Lordships. They be also required to give them in charge to forbeare all furder prosequution, expulsions or alteracion of possessions in that case, untill they shall have aunswerid the matter before their Lordships and shalbe by them otherwise orderid.

A letter to the Deane of Duresme, John Pilkinton, Fraunces Pilkinton and Thomas Lever to make their apparaunce before their Lordships at such tyme as they shalbe appointed by Sir John Forster and Sir Cuthbert Callywoode (*sic*), and that they obey in all pointes that shalbe enjoyned them by the gentlemen aforesaid for the quietnes of the tenantes, untill upon their apparaunce and aunswers furder order shalbe by their Lordships taken with them.

About this tyme an open Commission was directed to all Justices of Peax, Mayours and others, &c., to assiste the bearer hereof for the apprehencion of one ——— Bonde, late prisoner in the Quenes Bench, escaped by sleight from his Keper, and to bring him againe to the said prison. An escaped prisoner.

A letter to Sir Thomas Cornewallis, Mr. Grimston and Mr. Thurston to examine a matter touching confi[r]minge of one Bales by Goldsmithe for the advowson of the benefice of Horham, graunted by the said Bales to one Greene, Gentleman of her Majesties Chapell, to ende it if they can, or to advertice in whom they shall finde the defaulte. Grant of an advowson.

At Westminster, the iiijth of Marche, 1575. p. 441.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Sadler.
	Mr. Mildmaye.

A letter to the Lord Chief Justice and Mr. Attorney Generall, Justices of the Assises in the countye of Huntington, at their next comyng downe in their Circuite to call unto them for their better assistaunce Sir James Dier, Lord Chief Justice of the Commen Plees, and there to examine a complainte of the inhabitauntes of the towne of Warbois, in the said countie, againste Sir Henry Cromwell, knight, Lord of the Manor, and thereupon to take order that the defaulte may be redressed acording to justice, and if the parties shall not agree thereto, then to certifie their opinions. Instructions to Judges.

A letter to Doctour Wilson, Master of the Requestes, to examine a complainte exhibited by one Guillam du Molin, Frenchman, against Nicholas Petit, for abusing the trust committed unto him to recover certen goodes for which he hath compounded, and will aunswer nothing to the said Molin, alleadging that he recevid nothing at all.

The Staplers of Bruges.

A letter to the Commissioners for the Spanishe Dividend that whereas one John Partriche of the countie of Hereford, Stapler, was by the late agrement to receave certein money for wolles stayed at Bruges, where the Englishe Staplers have residence, whither the summe being so litle he wold be loth to go, they shuld consider of his peticion, and take some order how, *pro rata*, he might be aunswerid his dewe here, orels certifie soche causes as they have to the contrarye.

Ammunition for Ireland.

A placart for horses or teemes for iiij^{or} cartes laden with municion for the realme of Ireland, to drawe the same to the sea side at prices ordinarye.

A passport.

Pasport for Thomas Barckley, Scotisheman, to repaire into Scotland.

A Frenchman's complaint.

A letter to ——————, that whereas one Peter Tendon, Frenchman, had laden a ship with wine at Rochell for the Isle of Jersèy, which was driven by tempest to Abersey in Wales, where nyne tonnes were sold to Richard Philipps and Roger ap Richard, inhabitauntes of that towne, for vj^{li} x^{s} the tonne, which refuse paiment; that they wold send for the said parties and either take order that the merchaunt may be satisfied, orels binde them to appere here, and to certifie their opinions.

p. 442. * The vth of Marche, 1575.

The Lord Tresourer.	Mr. Tresourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Therle of Warwick.	Both Secretaries.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Mildemaye.

A dispute as to land.

Two letters of commaundment to Thomas Pike and Richard Cannon for their apparaunce, and to bring with them suche writinges as they have touching their interest in the mannours of Easte Haningfield and South Haningfield.

* The date and attendances are given in the margin of the MS.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles and Mr. Sollicitour that whereas there is some controversie betwene the Lord of Burgeny on thone partie and Thomas Pike and Richard Cannon on thother partie, they are required to take thexaminacion of the said cause and to compound if they can the same, orels to advertise to their Lordships of their opinion in that matter and in whom the default is.

Three other letters, one to the Lord Tresourer, thother to the Lord Admirall and the thirde to the Lord Cobham, that in consideracion of the grete spoiles and robberies committed upon her Majesties subjectes at the seas by them of the towne of Flusshing and of Zeland, and sundry insolencies committed by them against all such as passe the Narrow Seas, a matter by her Highnes not to be sufferid within her owne streames, they be requested within the precincte of all ther offices to make staye of all their shippes, captens, masters, marriners and goodes, wheare any of them shall arrive, and the same to put in safe keping untill upon advertisement by their order further direction shalbe given. Dutch pirates.

At Westminster, the xjth of Marche, 1575.

The Lord Tresourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Sadler.
	Mr. Mildemay.

A letter to the Knight Mershall to take bandes of William Maxfielde, prisoner under his charge, that being licensed to lye at Lambeth where he may conferre with the Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry for his conformitie in Religion, if within xij dayes he shew not him self conformable and bring certificat thereof from the Bishop, whereupon he may obtaine warraunt further, that then he shall retourne prisoner againe; the Mershall to take the bandes and to suffer him A recusant.

to lye at Lambeth and his wyfe to have accesse unto him both there and when he shall retorne.

p. 443. Warrant for payment. A warraunt to the Threasurer of the Chamber to pay to Richard Mouncaster for presenting of a play before the Queen's Majestie upon Shrove Sonday last past, the somme of x^{li}.

Walmer Castle. A letter to the Lord Cobham signifieng that their Lordships minde to heare the matter betwene Isham and Hawkes, which could not be compounded by him in the meane tyme, for that Hawkes informed that certein hay, woode and other provisions for the Castle were deteyned by Isham, he shold deliver the same upon bandes that Hawkes shall redeliver the money valew if they were hereafter proved not to be his, for that it is mete that her Majesties peece shold not be unfurnished, and to comaund him to give his attendaunce here.

A survey. A placart to ——— Saxton, servant to Mr. Sackeford, Master of the Requestes, to be assisted in all places where he shall come for the view of mete places to describe certein counties in cartes, being therunto appointed by her Majesties bill under her signet.

A Brighton parson. A letter to the Archebisshop of Caunterburie referring one David Thickpenye unto him for thexaminacion of a cawse betwixt him and the Bishop of Chichester, of whom he complains to have recevid grete extremitie, as being minister at Brighthempston, to be inhibited from preaching and deprived from his livinges, whereby he, his wife and v children are lefte destitute; his Lordship is required to order it acording as matter shall fall out and to him shalbe thought mooste reasonable.

The state of Wales. A letter to the Vicepresident and Counsell in the Marches of Wales, where informacion hath ben given of grete disorders growen in that Principalite for want of due execucion of diverse good and auncient ordinances speciallie made for the government of those partes, which do increase through new corrupcions creping amonge the inferior ministers attend-

inge there, growne to suche nombers as is overburdenous to the countrey; they be required to consider not onlye what the said corrupcions and disorders be, but also their opinions for the fittest remedies, and also that they do send a copie of such orders as any tyme heretofore hath ben made for the governement of those partes, to thintent the same may be established and the disorders removed.

A letter to the Archebisshop of Caunterburie, whereas the Bishop of Gloucester, in certefieng of his doinges by vertue of their letters directed unto him touching causes in Religion, hath sent up the bandes of certen obstinate persons, with the particulers of their causes, to the ende that they shold aunswer the same here before their Lordships; referring them and their cause to the Bishop of London before the Lord Archebishop was placed, one of vj yelded himself to conformitie, thother v standing under comaundment are referred to the Archbishop; and for that two of them be women and the rest simple men of no grete knowledge, he is desired that some paines might be taken with them by some discrete lernid man, who may use all good meanes to bring them to conformitie, or otherwise to be ordered as by his Lordship and the rest of the Ecclesiasticall Commissioners shalbe thought mete. p. 444. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

A warraunt to the Threasurer of the Chamber to pay unto Lawrence Dutton and John Dutton, plaiers and servauntes to thearle of Warwicke, for presenting of a play before her Majestie on Shrove Monday last past, the somme of x^{li}. Payment to players.

* The xijth of Marche, 1575.

Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
Mr. Tresourer.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

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A matrimonial case.

A letter to George Puttenham, esquier, that wheare their Lordships upon the pitifull complainte of the Ladie Windesor had recommendid a cause depending betwixt him and the Lady, his wife, unto the Deane of the Arches to be expedited without delaye, whereupon a decree was made in the said Coourte that Puttenham should pay towardes the charges and relief of the said Lady Windesour the somme of iij^{li} wekelie from thend of May to the xviijth of November, being the day of the date of the said decree; he is required, forasmuch as the somme being demaunded of him and he refusing to make payment, to performe the the (*sic*) said decree, orels to make his apparaunce before their Lordships to aunswer cause to the contrarye.

* The xiijth of Marche, 1575.

Subscribed as above.

Complaints against the Dutch.

A letter to Mr. Herbert, imploied in her Majesties affaires at Flusshing and in the Low Countreis, with ij peticions conteyning complaintes, one of certen merchauntes of London and thother of one Simondes of Plimowth, for spoiles and losses receved at the seas by them of the towne of Flusshing and such as belong unto them; he is required, as so directed by her Majestie, to open the said cases to such as have the governement there, to use all good meanes that he can to procure restitucion, and in his dealing therein to make them plainely to understand that incase by this gentle meanes her subjectes injured shall not be restored of the wronges
p. 445. that they have receivid, her Majestie shalbe inforced to hold sume other coourse such as can in no wise be to their contentacion, whereof their Lordships wisshe they shold have some better consideracion, and so it is referred to his dyscrecion.

* The date is given in the margin of the MS.

At Westminster, the — of Marche, 1575.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Secretary Smith.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Treasourer.	Mr. Mildemay.

Pirates' plunder.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie to examine certein complaintes of John Calvete and John Baptist St. Bitores against William and ——— Herbertes of Cardif and others for disobeying a proces out of the Coourte of thadmiraltie for recovering of certen goodes brought in by pirattes in those partes, who have been sent for up by their Lordships' letter, the said Judge to here and ende the matter betwene them acording to justice, or if the partes will not agree thereto, then to commaund them to attend on their Lordships here and advertise his opinion.

An Oxford dispute.

A letter to Mr. Atturney and Mr. Sollicitour, or any one of them, that where they have ben heretofore acquainted with the controversie and order betwene them of the Universitee of Oxford and one William Noble, the same strife not yet endid, they be required to call both parties before them and to ende it if they can, orels to informe what in justice may be donne.

The course of law in Lancashire.

A letter to the Justices of thassises in the countie of Lancaster that where a peticion hath been exhibited by one Raphe Jollie, conteyning a complainte against one Bradshawe of the said countie of Lancaster for certen odious factes by him donne against the peticioner, as semed to be testified by his handes and face; forsomuch as it was informed that by the grete practise of the said Bradshawe the due coourse of the lawe hath ben muche delaied and hinderid, and the defendant weried and deferred from his ordinarie remedie, they be required now to have such speciall gard that the due coourse of justice may be taken in the hearinge and triall thereof, and that the pore man may have no furder cause to complaine of any delaies, and that by their order he and his frindes that followe the cawse may stand in suretie of their lives, and from all bodilie hurtes to be donne by the

said Bradshawe, his sonne and servantes, and all others by his meanes and procurement, and thereunto to have the more regard for that it is informed by the said complainant that he and his frindes have latelie ben assaulted and put in daunger to be slayne by the parties aforesaid, and to advertise of their doinges.

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At Westminster, the xvth of Aprill, 1576.

The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwicke.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.	

Charges against Sir John Perrot.

A letter to the Vicepresident and Counsell of the Marches of Wales that where one Thomas Wirriott of the countie of Pembrock hath exhibited here ij sclaunderous billes of complainte, one to the Queen's Majestie, thother to their Lordships, against Sir John Perrott, knight, conteyning diverse disorders supposed to have been committed by the said Sir John, to the which he hath aunswerid, which billes and aunsweres is sent herewith; forsomuche as there is cause to conceave, aswell by the contemptuous departure of the said Wirriotte, contrary to commaundment given him to attend here till order were taken in those matters, as also for not prosecuting his said complaintes, that his accusacions have proceded altoguither of mallice, a matter very daingerous to be suffered, tending to the infamye and discreditte of such a man as is well thought of by her Majestie, as well for former services donne as for his sufficiencie otherwise to serve her Majestie, they are required to send for

the said Wirriott, and to charge him with the said contempt and other his dealinges, and if he shall not be hable to aunswer and justifie his doinges in the premisses, to see him have such punishement as the quallitie of his offences have deserved, and of their doinges therein to advertize their Lordships with as convenient spede as they may.

The Council Chamber.

A warraunt to the Threasurer of the Chamber to pay to Robert Langham, Keper of the Councell Chamber, the somme of x^{li}, in consideracion of his paines taken and provisions made of bowghes, flowers, and others, &c., for that Office, and also xiij^{s} iiij^{d} for a fier shovell, peyer of tonges, bellowse and forke for that Chamber.

English and Dutch pirates.

A letter of assistaunce of proces out of the Coourte of thadmiraltie to all Viceadmirals, Justices of Peace, &c., that where Morrice Cannon, Jenkins Davies and divers other merchauntes of the towne of Hereford West weare taken at the seas by one Phipson, an Englishe pirat, and spoiled of their goodes, which were afterwardes dispersed and sold in sundry portes of Wales and Cornewall, for the recoverie whereof they have obtained a Commission out of the Coourte of thadmiraltie which hath not been so obeyed as it ought to be, they are required to be hereafter aiding and assisting to the said complainants for the due execucion of the said Commission, so that their said goodes may be found out and the parties proprietaries restored to the same, acording to the effect of the said Commission.

p. 2. The same day Mr. Beale was dispatched towardes the Lowe Countrey upon occasion of a spoile committed upon thearle of Oxford at the seas in his passage, and for other injuries donne by them of Flusshinge against diverse of her Majesties subjectes, acording to instructions remayning in the handes of Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to thearle of Oxford signifieng what their Lordships had donne in respect of that injurie donne unto him, that Mr. Beale should cume unto him to be informed of the manour of the oultrage and the particulars of his losses,

and either to deliver him perfect instructions or to send some servante of his with him that knowe his stuffe and whereof he made moost accompt.

For his dispatche there were signed by their Lordships sundrie letters of creditt for Mr. Beale, as to the Prince of Orenge and the Admirall of Flusshinge and the Governour of Middleburghe.

At Westminster, the xviijth of Aprill, 1576.

The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Mildmaye.

Maundy money.

A warraunt to Mr. Martin, thofficer of the Minte, to deliver xij^{li} in pence for her Majesties service this Maundye Thursday to Thomas Hennadge, esquier, Threasurer of her Majesties Chamber.

Several letters.

A letter to the Lord Deputie of Ireland in the behalf of Capten Nicholas Malbye, acording to the minute in the Councell Chest.

A letter to Mr. Attorney and Sollicitour Generall committing to them the controversie betwixt Mr. George and Carelton for the title of a garden plotte neare Tower Hill, that they shall call the parties, with their evidences and proves, and to informe themselfes of the title and the use, and thereof to advertise with their opinions touching the disorders.

A letter to Guyon Llanlloide for his apparaunce before their Lordships the xijth of May next, and to bring up his sonne for disobeying of sundrye processe sued against him by David Lewis, one of the Yeomen of the Queen's Majesties Chamber.

A tax upon the clergy.

A letter to the Vicepresident, the Bishops of Worcester and Hereford, and the rest of her Majesties Counsell of the

Marches of Wales, touching a peticion of thinhabitauntes of the towne of Upton, in the countie of Worcester, for the
p. 3. reparacion of that decaied bridge, the worcke being thought necessarie and likelie to be accomplished by the inhabitauntes thereaboutes if they might have the helpe of xl^li a yere, which goeth out of the churche of Worcester to some other charitable uses, with the devocion of the people and the contribucion of the clergie; their Lordships do require them, with thadvice and assistauntes of the said Bisshoppes, to device some meanes for the finishing of that worke, wherein as they declare their opinions for the said xl^li to be imploied to that purpose for a tyme, so they thincke it mete that some imposicion should be taxed upon such of the clergie as have many benefices, be non resident, or kepe no hospitalitee, and upon suche as have not in their churches the sermons required by the lawes of her Majesties Injunctions, whereby they may repaire both the bridge and the faltes of the clergie in a case that bredeth gretest sclaunder to that vocacion, to the shame of our daies, where in tymes past matters of grete charge have been donne by well disposed churchemen without such contribucion, and so both clergie and laietie be perswaded by their Lordships eche of them to do their partes, that the worke may be finyshed, to the good example and incoragement of others to do the like.

At Westminster, the xix^th of Aprill, 1576.

The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Thresourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A summons. A letter to Thomas Cheynie the younger of Hungerford Parke, gentleman, to make his personall apperaunce here before their Lordships imediatlie uppon the receipt of the said letters, for such causes as shalbe declarid unto him at his cominge.

A letter to the Keper of the Gatehowse at Westminster for the deliverie of Hughe Erdisweke, prisoner under his charge for causes of Religion, that where bandes be taken of the said Hugh to yelde himself prisoner backe againe to the said prison by the first daye of Trinitee Terme next cominge, incase he shold not yeld to better conformitie in Religion before that tyme, he shall therefore now set him at libertie and also receve him prisoner backe againe at the same daye, unlesse he shall in the meane tyme receve further order to the contrarie by their Lordships. Recusants released on bail.

The like letter to the Keper of the Marshalsie for the deliverie of Sampson Erdiswicke, sonne of the said Hughe, in the very same order before prescribed.

To Mr. Recorder of London that where one Nicholas Coxe, suspected for making and uttering of counterfect coine, doth use to lodge at the signe of the Bull in Newington, he is required with all diligence and discrecion to call unto him such persons as he shall thinke mete for the apprehencion of the said Coxe, and that his lodging and all other suspected places may be searched to find out the said counterfet money or any instrumentes belonging to the same. A charge of coining. p. 4.

A letter to the Lord Darcie, Sir Thomas Lucas and Henry Goldinge, advertising them of the receipt of their letters of the last of Marche in aunswer of their Lordships' letters sent unto them for further examininge of that matter of libells, with thanckes for their paines taken therein; and where there falleth owt no such new matter in that behalf as was suggested, it is ment that the matter shall procede in the Sterre Chamber against Chapman, Tymdott and Mathew Stephin, and that bandes may be taken of them to her Majesties use for their apparaunce in the Sterre Chamber the first day of Session there in the next Esther Terme, and that her Majesties lernid Counsell may be informed thereof and sollicited to procede therin. The Colchester libels.

A letter to the Commissioners for the Restrainte of Graine, &c., in the countie of Sussex to permitte Michell Grain for Ireland.

Hoare, a man of Irishe birth, to transporte iiij^{xx}x quarters of wheate out of that countie into Ireland to supplie the grete wante thereof that is there, as it is testified by letters from the Lord Deputie which this bearer hath brought with him, and upon payment of her Majesties customes there and order taken that there be no greater quantitee transported then is before prescribed, not into no other place but to Ireland, and in that order to give direction to her Majesties officers of the Custome Howses and others, &c. to suffer the same to passe accordinglie.

An Exchequer matter.

A letter to the Chauncelour and Chief Baron of thexchequier that where William Noble of Oxford hath exhibited diverse peticions sent hereinclosed concerning her Majesties right to be aunswerid in thexchequier, the same matter is referred to their consideracions, that the peticioners may be aided for the recovery of that that apperteineth to her Majestie, or if nothing shall prove to be due, that then they may be discharged of so much upon their accomptes and otherwise provided for, that they may stand in quietnes from furder vexacion.

The cloth trade.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles and Mr. Sollicitour Generall with thanckes to them for their paines taken in the matter betwixt the clothe workers and the Merchaunt Adventurers, and to the ende that their order taken in that behalf may take the better effect acording to their meaninges, their Lordships be of opinion with them that it shalbe mete that their award subscribed under their handes shall now be made indentid betwene the said parties and certefied interchaingeablie under the commen seales of eche of their Corporacions, and for that purpose the said award is sent backe unto them to see the same donne as apperteineth; and for the observacion of such partes thereof as belongeth to the Customers, Serchers, &c., of the portes of London and els where in this realme, their Lordships' meaning is to imparte the same to the Lord Threasurer, that thereupon suche further order may be taken therein as ought to be;

and for any other thing els that shalbe nedefull to be donne in this matter their Lordships wilbe redie to do them as cause shall requier.

At Westminster, the xxth of Aprill, 1576. p. 5.

Thapparaunces as before.

A letter to the Archbishop of Caunterburie and the Bishop of London for the controversie betwixt the Lady Windesour and George Puttenham, her husband, that where the matter hath ben heretofore referred by their Lordships to the Deane of the Arches and by him decreed and disobeyed by Puttenham, whereupon he was written unto by the Lords either to obey the order or to appere and shewe sume cawse why he did it not, and doing neither of them he sent this excuse inclosed pretending sicknes; their Lordships be required, either both of them toguither by compromise or tharchbishop by the order of the Coourte, to reduce it to some good agreament, for that the ladies case semeth lamentable and her husbandes dealinges extreme, considering he hath all his livinges by her; and emonge the excuses he imputeth unto her her lyeng and remayninge with her children, and that if she lay at any other place at his appointement he wold provide for her what were convenient, and sayeth that the Lord Archebishop and the Bishop of Winchester doth like of this order, when they shall here of both partes they dowbt not but they will bring them to such an ende as shalbe agreable to reason and equitie. A matrimonial case.

A letter to Sir Christopher Allen, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Boswell and others of Kent to examine a matter of a robberie of one Richard Baker, a [d]rapier, the offendours wherein are thought to be notable theves, and yet the trouth not discovered; they be required to examine aswell of that as of other factes of that kinde, and for the discoverie of such companions Crime in Kent.

haunting in townes and villages thereaboutes, and if any shall be detected or vehemently suspected and accused, and yet shall obstinatly conceale it, they shall send all such hither to be here imprisoned and ordered as shall seme moost mete to boult out the trouthe; they be also required to make searche for such as be makers of rymes and libells to move unquietnes, sclaunder or sedicion, and to use all good meanes that they can to roote such malefactours out of their countrey, wherein their Lordships offer their aide as upon significacion from them the cause shall require.

The Rickmansworth dispute.

A letter to Mr. Comptroller, Mr. Doctour Wilson and Mr. Justice Southcote to take some paines to ende the controversie that hathe so long dependid betwixt Sexe and Rivett about a lease in Rickmansworth; they be willed to call both partes before them, and to use all the meanes that they can to ende the strife by both their consentes, or if any shalbe stubburne to advertise in whom they finde the default, that if furder suite be made they may be aunswered as cause requireth.

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The refugees in Norwich.

A letter to the Mayour and his brethern of Norwich that wheare by their letters of the xvjth of Aprill their Lordships do understand the misdemeanours of Yonges and Bowle, showmakers of that towne, against the straingers settled there, and how they are imprisoned for their stubburnes in that behalf; their Lordships, tendering the quiet governement of that citie, do require that those ij persons may be sent up under safe keping to aunswer here and to be orderid acording to the qualitie of their faltes, and that some man well instructed in the cawse may also be sent up to aunswer them in every particuler pointe.

The cloth trade.

A letter to the Lord Threasurer with the copie of the order made by the Master of the Rolles and the Sollicitour betwene the Clotheworkers and the Merchaunt Adventurers, wherein his Lordship is desired to give order throughout all the portes of this realme that so much of the said agrement may be fulfilled and observid as to their severall offices apperteineth.

A letter of assistaunce to all Justices and others, &c., to Rafe Claiton, being sent from the King of Denmarke for the apprehencion of one Zacharias Loacke. A Danish complaint.

A letter to Mr. Justice Manwoode, Mr. Thomas Wotton, the Deane of Caunterburye, the Mayour and iiij of the auncient Aldermen of the citie of Caunterburye, or any iiij of them, whereof Mr. Manwoode or Mr. Wotton to be one, that where a peticion hath been exhibited by Oliver Simondes of Caunterburie, which is sent with this letter, against sundry persons of that towne, which complaint can not be so conveniently hard here without grete increse of expenses, it is therefore referrid to the hearing of the parties aforesaid, and that they at some convenient tyme and place shall call all the parties before them, and examine the matter by all proofes that can be produced, and upon informacion of the troothe therein to bring them to some good agrement if they can, or to advertise in whom they shall finde default, with their opinions what they thinke mete in justice to be donne in this cause. A Canterbury case.

At Grenewiche, the xxviijth of Aprill, 1576.

The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.	

A letter to Anthony Lyle requireng him imediatly upon the receipt thereof to make his repaire in the companye of the Pursevaunt, and to appere before their Lordships for such causes as at his coming shalbe declared unto him. A summons.

A placart for post horses, cartes, cariadges and shipping for Mr. Edward Waterhowse, being sent for her Majesties affaires and service into the realme of Ireland, having charge also of her Majesties treasure and other thinges of importaunce to be transported thither. Treasure for Ireland.

p. 7. Imprisoned debtors. A letter to the Lords Chief Justices, the Bishop of London, the Deanes of Westminster and Powles, the Master of the Rolles and other Commissioners appoineted for the hearing and ordering of the causes betwene certaine prisoners remayning in her Majesties Bench for causes of debt or trespas betwene partie and partie; forasmuche as her Majesties meaninge in the said Commission tendid to the relief of sundry poore men that have fewe or none to sue for them, they be required that by some agrement amonge themselfes some of them may appointe from tyme to tyme to sitt in the said Commission to examine the state of the cause, to call the parties before them, and to take such order betwene them for the relief of the prisoners and satisfieng of the creditours as by the said Commission is appoineted.

A recusant. A letter to the Warden of the Flete that whereas John Draicotte, prisoner under his charge for causes of Religion, namely, for not going to the church, hath exhibited peticion that for some necessarie causes, which can not be donne without his presence, he might have licence to repaire into the countre upon bandes to retorne prisoner againe by the first day of Trinitie Terme next coming; forsomuch as the said bondes be taken by their Lordships' order, he is required to give order for his deliveraunce, and to receve him againe at such tyme as upon his said bande he shall retorne.

At Grenewiche, the xxixth of Aprill, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Mildmay.
Thearle of Leicester.	

The dispute as to Walmer Castle. This day the matter betwixt Capten Hawkes, Capten of Walmer Castle, and Henry Isam was hearde before their Lordships touchinge sundry controversies betwene them, and for some parte thereof it was orderid by their Lordships that the said Capten shold have free egresse and regresse unto the

said Castle for himself and his company, without any let or interrupcion of the said Isam or any of his.

And further it was orderid that they and theirs should kepe her Majesties peace thone against thother, and that neither of them to thother shold give any occasion by wordes or any other provocacion of contempt, reproche or disdaine, or disdainefull comparisons of manhoode, gentrie, or any such like, upon paine of imprisonment to him that shalbe provid first to offend in that behalf.

The rest of the contentions are referred to thinquerie and examinacions of Thomas Wotton, Mr. Cromer, Mr. Crispe, Mr. Boys and the Mayour of Sandwiche, or to any iij of them, Mr. Wotton to be one, and their Lordships' letters were orderid acordinglye.

Two letters, one to Richard Grenevile, esquier, thother to William Hawkins of Plymowth, esquier, to make their apparaunce here with as convenient spede as they might for the aunswering of certaine goodes and merchandizes taken by a shippe called the Castle of Comfort from a ship of St. Mallos, the particularities whereof they shall more fully understand at their cominge. p. 8. Piracy.

A letter to Mr. Justice Manwoode and Mr. Sollicitour, with certein articles towching the straingers removed from Sandwiche to Caunterburye; they were willed to consider of them which weare meete to be passed from her Majestie, and which may passe by order from their Lordships, and thereof to advertise with spede, to the ende a boke may be drawen to be signed by her Majestie of such as are to be graunted by her, and the rest to be otherwise ordered as shalbe thought convenient. The refugees at Canterbury.

At Grenewiche, the first of Maye, 1576.

The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.	

Walmer Castle.

A letter to Sir Thomas Scott, Thomas Wotton, Mr. Crispe, William Cromer and the Mayour of Sandwich, or any iij of them, whereof Mr. Wotton to be one, for the hearing and ordering of the matter in controversie between Capten Hawkes and Henry Isam, acording to the minute in the Councell Chest.

The Colchester libels.

A letter to the Bailiffes of Colchester in aunswer of theirs sent with thexaminacion taken of Gorell and Christmas, conteyning matter against Richard Sowthwell; forsomuch as Sowthwell is here, they be required to warne Gorrell and Christmas that they make their apparaunce here as sone as may be.

The Spanish Agent.

A letter to Anthony Guerras that where complainte hath been made by Mr. Allen that iiij cast falcons of iron and ij falconettes, taken at Dunkerk by the King of Spaines officers, be not restored nor paid for, he is required to use some meanes for the restitucion of them, as their Lordships be redie in all like cases to do in all like cases towardes the subjectes of the King his master.

A merchant's complaint.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London and his brethern with the peticion of one John Calveley, merchaunt, complayning for not performinge of a bargane of graine made for them, as he affirmeth he is able to prove by their handes, seales, and their owne letters for that purpose; forsomuche as it appereth that he is thereby almoost undonne, they be required to take some consideracion of him, as he may have no cawse of further complainte, orels that they advertise some cawse why they do it not, that the partie may be aunswerid acordinglie.

p. 9. Artisans and labourers for Ireland.

A letter to the Justices of Peace in the counties of Salop and Lancaster for the levieng and appointing in either countie sixe carpinters, vj masons, and xiij laborers to be sent over into Ireland for to be imploied about certaine fortificacions that are to be made there, and that they may be deliverid to Mr. Thomas Sackford, who is appointed to deliver them prest money and to conduct them into Ireland to the places appointed.

A pasport and a placard for post horses for the Baron of Slavata, a Bohemyan, with the Baron of Potlitz, a Jermaine, to passe from hence quietlye into Scotland with their two servantes, and to be servid of post horses and all other necessaries for their money at reasonable prices. A passport.

A letter to Sir Henry Nevill, knight, Thomas Parry and Mr. Dr. White to take upon them the hearing and ordering of all matters in controversie betwene Elizabeth Cheynye, the wife of Thomas Cheynye the yonger, and the said Thomas, her husband, the complainte of the one and the other being sent herewith. They are requiered to consider well of the said complainte and aunswer, and of the proofes that eche of them shall produce for testifieng of their allegacions, and to use all good meanes that they can to reconcile them thone to thother in suche amitie as appertaineth; and lickwise to give order that how so ever the yong man shalbe disposed, to remaine with his wife or travaile abrode, that the gentlewoman may be provided of some convenient porcion to maineteyne her self and such necessary companye as shall remayne with her; and that she may also stand assured of a convenient joineture in respect of the porcion she brought with her in marriage; and, finallye, as much as they can to establishe all matters betwene them that all debate and unquietnes may cease, and that they take such good assuraunce of both partes that their doinges herein may have contynuaunce and be duelye observed. A matrimonial case.

A letter of assistaunce to all Viceadmiralls, Mayours and others, &c., that whereas a shippe called the Peter of Bristowe, being very richelie laden with certaine merchaundizes of John Browne, Thomas Alderwourth and other merchauntes of Bristowe, was by tempest cast awaye, fower persons of the said shippe being onlye saved, and the said goodes, or a grete parte thereof, cominge to the handes of sundrye of the inhabitauntes upon the sea coast adjoyninge in the counties of Somersett, Cornewall, South Wales and ells where, A charge of wrecking.

for recoverye whereof their is proces awarded out of the Coourte of thadmiraltie, in whose handes the same or any parte thereof may be founde; they be required to be aiding and assisting to the said merchauntes aforesaid, and to such as they shall send about the same, acording to the effect and tenour of the said Commission.

An entail broken.

A letter to the Lord Keper that where a complaint hath been exhibited here by one Thomas Mantell and Katherine his wyfe, which remaineth in the Counsell Chest, touching the disinheryson of the said Katherine, his Lordship, is required to graunt a *subpena* to be directed to Richard Guilford to bring up Benett, the wife of the said Guildeford, to be examined in the Starre Chamber whether the fine by which the disinherison groweth were knowledged with her meaning and understanding or not.

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At Grenewiche, the iij^{de} of Maye.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Mildmay.
Thearle of Leicester.	

The Presidency of Munster.

A letter to Sir William Drurye, knight, appointid Lord President of Mounster in Ireland, in the behalf of Hectour Nonnez and his consortes with George Dias, merchauntes of Portingall, to procure restitucion of certein goodes and merchaundizes which came to the handes of thearle of Desmond and the Countesse his wife, acording to proves made and a copye of an order appointed to the Lord Deputie by her Majesties letters, the which copye was sent inclosed in the letter to the said Sir William Drurie, to the end that thereupon at his taking of the charge in that Province he may call thearle, and use with him all good meanes for restitucion to ende this sute that hath long trobled their Lordships.

A letter to Sir Thomas Cecill and Sir Edward Brudenell with a peticion of one Mergerie Cowper, complayninge against Edward Watson of Roughingham Castle for withholding an acre of medowe and the dede of her tenement, her husband being in prison; they be required to call the parties before them, and by all witnes, proves and evidences that might be producid to informe them selfes of the trouthe, and besides to use all good meanes they can to bring them to good agrement by both their consentes and assentes, or yf that may not be donne then to advertise in whom the default is, with their opinion of the case, that thereupon such furder order may be taken as the case may require. A claim to land.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London, his brethern and Mr. Recorder in the behalf of one John Roafe, an old soldyer, to be maineteyned in a victualling howse which he hath kept xxiiij yeres, in respect of his former service. An old soldier.

A letter of assistaunce of proces out of thadmiraltie for one John ——— to recover certein hides and other merchaundizes deteyned from him at Lyme in the countye of Dorset, acording to theffect of the processe. The Admiralty Court.

A letter to the Mayour of Ludlowe and his bretherne to pay one Simon Thorneton, scolemaster there, xx^{li} yerelye appoineted by their purchase of King Edward the vjth for thintertaignement of a scolemaster, orels to informe their Lordships if there be any cause why they shold not paye so muche. Ludlow School.

A letter to the Warden of the Mynte in the nature of a Generall Commission to searche and finde out all counterfetours of money, clippers, sherers, wasshers, or any maner of waies deminishers of her Majesties coyne, or any other coyne curraunt in this realme, to staye their persons, to sease their tooles and instrumentes and all falsefied moneys, to advertise of his doinges from tyme to tyme; and aucthoritie is given him that all her Majesties officers, ministers and subjectes shall assiste him as the cause shall require. Tampering with the currency.

p. 11. At Grenewiche, the iiijth of Maye, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer. Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall. Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Bedford.

Several letters. A letter to the Bishop of Peterborowghe, Sir Thomas Cecill, Sir Edward Brudenell and Sir Edward Mountague, or any three of them, in the behalf of Mr. Brian Fitzwilliams, acording to the minute in the Councell Chest.

A letter to Mr. Fanshawe, the Sherif of Middlesex and to Mr. Marten, Warden of the Minte, touching Thomas Grene, goldsmith, acording to the minute in the Councell Chest.

A letter to Mr. Recorder of London, Mr. Gregory Lovell and Robert Livesey, in the behalf of Christopher Hodsdon and the children of Miles Wilson, acording to the minute in the Councell Chest.

Tampering with the currency. A letter to John Chichester, esquier, the Mayour of Barnestable and John Derte, merchaunt, touching the apprehencion of Andrew Berry, dwellinge in Barstable or thereaboutes, suspected of clipping and shering of coyne; to searche his howse and all places suspected to finde the sheringes, clippinges, or any thing belonging to that matter, to examine him furthwith if he have sold any molten golde or silver, to affirme that he hath sold if he denye it, if he shall confesse, then to demaunde where he had it, to whom he sold it, to how many and what quantitees, using discrecion and all good meanes to gett out the trouth, to advertise what they shall finde, and to take order for the safe keping and furthcominge of the offendour acording to justice and the qualitee of the falte.

At Grenewiche, the vjth of May, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer. Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine. Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwick. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.

A letter to William Sherington, merchaunt of London, for the payment of lviij^{li} come to his handes of the goodes of one Downinge, left there by Robert Butler, Paymaster to the Pentioners, &c., acording to the minute remayninge, &c. The Paymaster of the Pensioners.

A warraunt to the Threasurer and Chamberlaines of thexchequier for the payment of one hundred markes to William Norries, sonne and heyer to the Lord Norries, in consideracion of an overplus of charges sustained in transportacion of his soldiours out of Ireland by reason of wanting winde, and driven by tempest to the Isle of Man in the voyage vij wekes. The Irish Sea.

At Grenewiche, the vijth of Maye, 1576. p. 12.

The Lord Treasourer. Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Tresourer.

A letter to Owen Holland of the countie of Anglesey, to make his apparaunce here before the last of Maye for causes to be declarid unto him at his cominge. A summons.

A letter to Sir Thomas Lucas and to the Bailiffes of Colchester to examine the causes betwixt Mr. Richard Sowthwell of thone partie and Garrell and Christmas of the other partie, acording to a minute in the Councell Chest. The Colchester case.

A letter to the Vicechauncelour and Mayour of Oxford to staie proceading in thexecucion of the late Statute made for the repaireng of highe waies and bridges, untill upon understanding of the true state of the matter from suche Justices as be appoineted to make inquerie and to certifie thereof out of the counties of Oxford and Berks. Roads and bridges.

A letter to the Lord Deputie of Ireland, where Sir William Fitzwilliams in tyme of his governement lefte sundry thinges unreconed, some money due to himself, and he Irish accounts.

indebted to some others of the countrey; sending over his servantes to make even in these matters they be recommended to the Lord Deputie to be assisted as the case shall require, that the countrey may bring in both their accomptes and the thinges due unto him, that they may not remaine there to thincrease of charges.

At Grenewiche, the viijth of Maye, 1576.

Thapparaunces as before.

An enquiry as to lewd words.

A letter to Sir Walter Aston, Sir Raphe Egerton, knightes, Richard Bagotte and Thomas Trentham, esquiers, sent by Sampson Walkeden, signifieng that a matter wherein he is touched is committed to their examinacion by letters which they have or shall receve, whereof their Lordships do give notice, to the ende that the bearer having understanding of the tyme and place of their sitting may give his attendaunce acordinglie.

Enclosure of a common.

A letter to thearle of Derby, Mr. Radclif of Woodsall and Thomas Butler, esquiers, upon a complaint exhibited by one John Fatewise, that a mosse or a commen of pasture conteyning xxx acres, being within the Lordship of Pasfurlong, was kept from him and diverse other the tenantes there, for that it is inclosed by Sir John Holcrofte, knight; in respect of the poverty of the peticioner the case is recommendid to them to call the said parties before them with
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their witnesses and evidence, and thereupon to ende it if they can with both their assentes, or if that may not be, to advertise in whom the defalt is, with their opinions of the state of the case, that theyr Lordships may give furder order as the cause shall require.

An enquiry as to lewd words.

A letter to Sir Walter Aston, Sir Rafe Egerton, knightes, Richard Bagott and Thomas Trentham, esquiers, that where a peticion hath been exhibited by one Sampson Walkeden

of the county of Stafford, gentleman, declaring that Thomas Rawebone of Stone, inholder, and William Hardman of the same, clerck, and Thomas Wodhall of Stafford, tailor, with others unknowen, have accused and reported that the said Sampson shold speke and utter sclaunderous and traiterous wordes against the Queen's Majestie, for which untrew reporte the said Walkeden ment to have prosecuted the lawe against them as conspiratours of his destruction and overthrowe, but being heretofore for a tyme staied from taking his said suite against the said parties by letters obteyned to the Justices of the Assises for that purpose, and finding him self still much touched in creditt with those false reportes, maketh now suite that the heringe and examininge of the said matter may be committed to the gentlemen aforesaid, which is graunted unto him the rather in respect of her Majestie, who is touched therein, incase the report be true; the said gentlemen are required to examine the said matter at some convenient tyme and place to be appoineted by them, and to call unto them all such persons by whom they may understand the trouthe, and as matter shall fall out so to procede by due course of the lawe; and if any matter shall fall out against Walkeden then to to (*sic*) take bandes of him to aunswer thereunto as apperteyneth, and if it shall appere that he hath been unjustlye accused, then to leave him to his advauntage to prosecute lawe against his said accusers.

Irish accounts.

A letter to the Lord Deputie of Ireland advertising him that where about a yere hence letters were written to Sir William Fitzwilliams, then Lord Deputie there, and Sir Edward Fitton, in the behalf of Sir John Perrott, knight, the copie whereof is sent here inclosed to the ende his Lordship may understand the state of the matter, and for that the said Sir John hath had nothing donne in the accomplishement of the said letters by reason that the servant of the said Sir John, whom he sent over to folowe the same, by the contagion of the Plage there could not conveniently do the same, nor the Counsell of

that realme who had moost parte of the said goodes came not toguither before the departure of the said Sir William Fitzwilliam, and for that also the said goodes which Sir John Perrott claimeth were delivered into the handes of one Sheperd, then Steward to Sir William Fitzwilliam, who did dispose the same, some to one, some to another; his Lordship is now required to call the said Sheperd before him and after by examinacion of him and his boke his Lordship shall understand in whose handes the said goodes are, that he procure restitucion thereof acording to theffect of the former letters, and to give his best assistaunce to Sir John Perrottes man for that purpose.

Bridges and highways in Oxfordshire and Berks.

A letter to Sir Frauncis Knolles, knight, and the *Custos Rotulorum* of the countie of Oxon, that where the pore inhabitauntes of the said countie and of the countie of Berks do complaine of the grefes that they do sustaine by thexecucion of the Acte of Parliament made for the repayring of bridges and highe waies nere to the citie of Oxford, wherewith they be very much charged, for some redresse
p. 14. and order wherein it is thought mete that an assemblie of iij or v Justices of the Peace of eche of the said counties shold be had at some convenient tyme and place dwelling fittest for that purpose meete for the doing thereof, and at that assemblie to call suche skilfull inhabitauntes unto them as they shall thincke fitte, and to consider of the griefe aforesaid how they may be best borne with indifferencie acording to the effect of the said Statute; and as by letters to the Vicechauncelour of the Universitee and the Mayour of Oxford they are required to forbeare thexecucion of the said Statute till furder order be taken therein, so it is thought requisite that some certaine knowledge may be given to the *Custos Rotulorum* of Bercks of the certaine tyme and place appoineted of the meting for this purpose, that thereupon he may procure the like nomber of Justices out of the said countie of Berks to be there for the purpose aforesaid, and that all the Justices may have knowledge of the contentes of this letter acordinglie.

A letter of the same effect to the *Custos Rotulorum* of the countie of Berks, that when he shall have knowledge from the said Sir Frauncis Knolles and the *Custos Rotulorum* of the countie of Oxon of the tyme and place that they shall appointe for the purpose abovesaid, that he cause such nomber of Justices within that countie of Berks as he shall thinke meete to be there present, for the ordering of the said matter for the inhabitauntes of that countye as at their assemblie shalbe thought mooste reasonable and convenient.

Paris Garden.

A warraunt to the Threasurer of the Chamber to pay unto Thomas Bowes, Master of her Majesties Game at Parys Garden, the somme of x^{li} allowed unto him for bringing of the said game before her Majestie two severall tymes, viz., at Hampton Coourte on St. John's Day in Christmas last, and on Shrove Monday last at Westminster.

The cloth trade.

A letter to Sir John Thinne and Mr. Sherington with a peticion inclosed of one Peter Blackborough, clothier, complayning against the abuses of clotheworkers contrary to the lawes of this realme, and for that the said Blackborough did desiste from prosecuting his suite against the said clothiers by their Lordships' letters and commaundement, wherebye he hath now lost that advauntage of lawe against them by reason of her Majesties Generall Pardon, which if he had folowed his suite he might have had, and for that the pore man hath susteined grete charges and expences in folowing the said suite, they are required to deale with the said clothiers of that countrey, and to use all perswacions that they can to induce them to contribute some reasonable relief to the said pore peticioner, that such sommes as they shall agree to paye may be put downe in writing, and to give order for the collection thereof at such tymes as shalbe appoineted, and after it is collected to deliver the same to the said Blackborough; and to cause a perfect boke to be made and sent up to their Lordships of the particularities of such somes as every of them shall so contribute, that they may thereby knowe aswell how he is recompenced as what they be that do so contribute unto him.

p. 15. At Grenewiche, the ix[th] of Maye, 1576.

Subscribed by:—

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Welsh business.

A letter to the Vicepresident and Counsell of the Marches of Wales in the behalf of Mr. William Gerrard, one of her Majesties Counsell there, to be aunswered of the arrerages of his interteignement allowed him by her Majestie there, being behind for v yeres unaunswered, acording to the minute in the Counsell Chest.

A letter to the Justices of the Assises in the countye of Pembroke toching the matter in controversie betwene Thomas Wirriott and Sir John Perrot, &c., acording to the minute in the Councell Chest.

Sir V. Browne's accounts and his successor.

Fower severall letters, viz[t], one to the Governour of Barwick, the Mershall and Threasurer there, another to the Lord President of the Counsell in the North, another to Capten Reade, Capten of Holy Iland, and another to the Threasurer and Paiemaster of Berwick, concerning the accompt and delivering over of debtes, reconinges and other thinges lefte in the charge of Sir Valentine Browne for her Majesties service there, that the same shall now be aunswerid to Mr. Vernon, appoineted to be her Majesties Victualler there, acording to such order as is conteyned in the said letters, the minute whereof are in the Councell Chest.

One other letter to the Governour of Barwick, or his Deputie there, that they do appointe some persons of skill and judgement to take the view of such remaynes as are to be deliverid over from Sir Valentine Browne, knight, unto the said Mr. Vernon, and that the same may be donne with all uprightnes, to thend thereupon they may advertice what is recevid and deliverid and what is wantinge, so as thereupon order may be taken for the repai[r]e thereof; and where Sir Valentine Browne in the tyme of his service there had

allowed unto him one man in every of the bandes belonginge to her Majesties garrison there, it is thought convenient that his Lordship shall give order that Mr. Vernon, during the tyme of his being Victualler there, shalbe allowed the like sorte, for that his charges in that office of victuallinge and conserving of the graine there is like to be no lesse then the other's was.

At the Sterre Chamber, the xjth of May, 1576. p. 16.

The Lord Keper. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord Treasourer. Sir Walter Mildmaye.
Mr. Treasourer.

John Harpesfilde, Doctour John Smitheson, and William Weston acording to their recognisaunces and bandes made this day their apparaunce, which is recorded, and are enjoyned to appere still acording to the former order. The religious prisoners.

At Grenewiche, the xijth of May, 1576.

Guyon Llenloide of the countie of Cardigan, and David, his sonne, being sent for by letters from the Lords of the Counsell, have here made their apparaunce, and are enjoyned to give their attendaunce from tyme to tyme untill they shalbe discharged by order from their Lordshippes. A summons obeyed.

A post letter for Mr. Capten Malbye to passe into Ireland, and to be servid of post horses for him self and his two servantes and of convenient shippinge. Post horses.

At the Sterre Chamber, the xixth of May, 1576.

Thapparaunces as before, adding therle of Bedford.

Letters to the Sheriffes and others in these counties followinge, viz^{t}: Essex, Suffolk and Norffolk, Sussex, Sowthampton, Dorset, Somerset, Devon, Cornewall, Lincolne, Yorke and The wine trade.

Chester, for the taking order for the sale of wines acording to the Statute, &c.; and furder, &c., acording to the mynute remayninge, &c.

Treasonable documents.

A letter to Doctour Wilson and Doctour Wattes, Archedecon of Middlesex, to examine one Gregory Warner comitted to the Gatehowse for writinge of certaine prophesies which have been founde in his possession, of which they shall receve furder informacion by the Lord Threasurer, upon which informacion they shall minister such interrogatories as shalbe thought meete, using all good meanes that they can to procure him to open the trouth aswell of him self as of any others that he knoweth hath delt in these matters, and to advertise what they shall finde therein.

p. 17. At Grenewiche, the xxjth of Maye, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The Queen of Scots robbed.

A letter to Sir Walter Mildmay and the Master of the Rolles to examine Thomas Lea and Thomas Clerck committed to the Gatehowse for a robberie committed in Leicestershiere, and forsomuch as it appereth that thoffendours have had grete aide, both before the fact and after, mete to be discovered, they be required to take informacion of Mr. John Reade that hath been well acqueineted with the case, and thereupon to minister interrogatories by all meanes to examine the trouth aswell of thoffendours as of their aiders and maineteyners, and to deliver to the said Reade what shalbe confessid, for that he hath their Lordships' letters to certein Justices in that shiere to take such furder examinacion as the case shall require.

A letter to Sir John Spencer, Sir Edmunde (*sic*) Brudenell and Thomas Brookes, in aunswer of Mr. Brudenell and Mr. Brookes to eche one of theirs, touching a robberie comitted by one Lea and Clerck, they be allowed and thancked for their

doinges; and besides they be given tunderstand that thexaminacion of these prisoners was committed to Sir Walter Mildmay and the Master of the Rolles, and that Mr. Reade should attend them to give the best informacion that he could, and that he was appointed to retorne unto them with such confession as should fall out, upon which they shold gather interrogatories and use all meanes they could to find out the trouthe, and to send for all persons necessarie for that purpose, and to take order for the furthecominge of such as should be found faultie, acording to justice and the due course of the lawe, and to advertise of their doinges in this behalf.

This day, Guyon Llenloide of the countie of Cardigan, gentleman, and David, his sonne, being commaunded to give their attendaunce till they were discharged by the Lords of the Counsell, for that they were sent for at the sute of David Lewes, one of the Yeomen of her Majesties Chamber, both parties being agreed within themselfes and confessing the same, were by their Lordships' order dismissed. A dispute arranged.

At Grenewich, the xxijth of May, 1576. p. 18.

Present as before, wanting the Lord Tresourer and thearle of Leicester.

This day there were examined Thomas Southwell and — Awdeley touching wordes supposed to be spoken by Richard Sowthwell at Berechurch on Esther even, wherewith he was charged by the testimonie of George Darrell (*sic*) and John Cristmas, who both in effect do affirme that they remember no such speeche as is averred by Dorrell and Christmas touching the tilting at Killingworth, speciallie that that toucheth any reproche, whereupon by their Lordships' order Mr. Richard Sowthwell was discharged out of the Marshalsie and appoineted to make his apparaunce at the Sterre Chamber on Friday next folowinge. A charge abandoned.

A letter to Mr. Attorney Generall advertising him that Mr. Justice Southcote and Mr. Recorder of London are A park fence destroyed.

appoineted to take thexaminacions of such persons as are committed to prison in the Marshalsey for the burninge of Sir Thomas Gressham's parke pale; in which matter, for that the said Attorney hath ben heretofore appoineted to deale sumwhat therein, he is eftesones desired, if her Majesties weightie businesse will permitte him, to joine also with them in that matter, or if he can not so intend it, then to send unto them suche examinacions as he hath allredy taken of the persons committed to prison, with suche furder instructions as he can give them for the manifestacion of the trouthe in that matter.

A letter to Mr. Justice Southcote and Mr. Recorder of London advertisinge them that where certaine persons are committed to the Marshalsey, whose names are Johan Ayre, Mary Harris, George Lenton and George Bennet, for burninge Sir Thomas Gressham's parke pale at that tyme when the Quenes Majestie was there, wherewith her Highnes was very much offendid, and commaundid that thoffendours should be serched out and punished acording to their offence; they are therefore required to take some paines therein and to appointe some tyme and place to have the prisoners brought before them, and severally to examine them and to induce them by all meanes they can to open the trouthe, and for their better instructions therein Sir Thomas Gressham will instructe them for that purpose, and Mr. Attorney is appoineted also to joyne with them if he conveniently may, or at least to send them such examinacions as he hath heretofore taken in that matter; and also they be aucthorized to call before them any person that they shall thincke mete, can informe them in any thing touching this matter or any that shall be holden suspected therein, and to deale with them for their furthcominge acording to justice and the qualitie of their faltes, and to advertise what shall fall out upon their examinacions.

p. 19. A Gloucestershire Hospital. A letter to the Maiour and Sheriffes of the citee of Glocester, Sir Giles Pole, knight, Walter Compton and Luke

Gardener, esquiers, in the behalf of John Spring, Master of the Hospitall of Mary Magdalen nere Glocester, that wheare one John Norris did clayme, by vertue of a lease made unto him, the whole living in effect appoinetid to the relief of the pore people of that Hospitall, whereupon letters were written to certein gentlemen of good creditt therabouts to make inquirie of the trouth of the title of that matter in question, who retornid their certificat touching that cause, and therupon that matter in question was referred over to the judegement (*sic*) in lawe of Mr. Sergeaunt Lovelaice, Mr. Attorney and Sollicitour Generall, who have certified their opinions that the said lease claimed by Norris is utterlie voide, the copye of which opinion and judgement is sent unto the Commissioners aforesaid, upon which opinion and judgement letters have been written to the said Norris to deliver the possession of the said landes to Spring, orels to make his apparaunce here to shewe cause why he doth it not, yet hath he not delivered the possession nor showe any just cause why he doth deteyne the same; the Commissioners aforesaid therefore are required, for that the pore men of the said Hospitall be lefte in miserable state for wante of relief, to give order that the possession of the landes in question be delivered over to the said Spring, and the proffittes to be converted to the use of the said pore people untill Norris shall shewe some just cause why he ought to enjoye the same.

A letter to Mr. Chauncelour of the Duchie, touching the complainte of the pore men of the Peke, &c., acording to the minute, &c. The Peak.

A letter to Sir Edward Maunsfield, Sherif of Glamorganshiere, in the behalf of John Baptista and John Calvette, to cause processe out of thadmiraltie to be served upon such persons within that countie as be namid in the same, which have ben aiders, maineteyners or abettours of one John Callis and William Battes, which spoiled at the sea a Spanishe shippe called the Lady of Concepcion, laden with Piracy.

certein pockettes of Spanishe wolle of the goodes of certaine merchauntes of the Societie of Spaniardes in Bruges, to whom the said Baptista and Calvete be factours.

p. 20. At the Sterre Chamber, the xxvth of May.

The Lord Keper.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord Admirall.	Sir Rafe Sadler.
Mr. Treasourer.	Sir Walter Mildmay.

Treasonable documents. This day, George Warner of Broughton in the countie of Northampton, gentleman, being imprisoned in the Gatehowse at Westminster by their Lordships' commaundement for suspicion of making of prophesies and having some of them in his custodie, was this day called before their Lordships, and professing that he knew not how the said bookes cam into his handes and that he had never published nor sped abrode any of them, was by their Lordships' order appointed to be set at libertie upon his owne band of c^{li} to be of good behaviour and to be forthecominge at all tymes when he sholde be called, upon xx^{ti} daies warninge to be given at his howse of Broughton aforesaid.

The wine trade. The same day there were called before their Lordships certaine merchauntes of London, trading Fraunce for wine, and upon due proofe of their owne confession that they had sold wines above the rate of her Majesties Proclamacion, certaine of them, viz^{t}, William Abraham, John Clere, Mathew Colclough, George Crowther, Dominico Pitchione and Cuthbert Bucle, were by their Lordships' letters committed to the Fleete for their contempt, and for their further punishement it was ordered that they should paie unto her Majesties use, for a fine, x^{s} for every pece of wine that they had sold above the rate of the Proclamacion, and that letters shold be written to the Lord Mayour aucthorising him that all such within the Citie as have in like case offendid sholde be in like sorte committed

to the Fleete and pay suche fine as aforesaid, and none of them to be deliverid untill they shall enter into bandes to observe her Majesties Proclamacion set forth for the rating of the prises of wines that should be brought into this realme out of Fraunce.

A charge dismissed.

There (*sic*) same day also there appeared before their Lordships, as so commaunded by them, Richard Sowthewell of ——, in the countie of ————, esquier, that had been charged with certaine lewde and inconvenient speches used of the Queen's Majestie, for which he had been committed to the Marshall's warde; and forsomuch as some of them that were alleadged to be present when the same shold be spoken could not upon examinacion say any thing to the conformacion (*sic*) of suche wordes to have been spoken by him, it was thought mete by their Lordships, upon his humble suite made in that behalf, that he shold be deliverid at libertie upon his bande of cc^{li} to be of good behaviour towardes the Queen's Majestie and the State, and to be forthcominge at all tymes hereafter when he shold be called for upon reasonable warninge.

At Grenewiche, the xxvijth of Maye, 1576. p. 21.

The Lord Keper.	Mr. Tresourer.
The Lord Tresourer.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Arundell.	

Piracy.

A letter to the judge of thadmiraltie, the Masters of the Requestes, Mr. Doctour Clerck, Mr. Doctour Yale, Mr. Alderman Barnes and Mr. William Widnall, with a peticion exhibited by John Baptista and John Calvete for spoiles committed upon a shippe laden with Spanish wolles by John Callis and William Battes, and against their maineteyners and aiders in the towne of Cardif in the countie of Glamorgan; where processe is directed out of the Coourte of thadmiraltie that the Sherif shold send up thoffendours, they be required at their cominge to take the examinacion of them with such

proofes as can be produced by the complainants, and to end it if they can, orels to advertise in whom they shall finde the default.

Two letters. A letter to Mr. Beale in Holland or Zeland, &c., acording to the minute in the Councell Chest.

A letter to the Warden of the Flete to receve into his custodie John Pell of the towne of Linne, to be kept there untill he shalbe furder directed.

French claims. A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie committing to him the consideracion of the cawse betwixt the Frencheman of St. Mallowes and Mr. Grinevile, for which purpose there is sent unto him certaine examinacions taken in the behalf of the Frenchmen and Mr. Grineviles aunswer to the same; he is required to consider thereof by conference with the parties if he shall so thinke good, and to retorne his opinion thereof by Friday next in the Sterre Chamber.

The wine trade. A letter to the Lord Mayour of London for the committing of the rest to the Fleete that have sold wines above the rate of the Proclamacion, with a *post script* conteyninge their names, acording to the minute in the Councell Chest.

p. 22. At Grenewiche, the xxviijth of May, 1576.

Thapparaunces as before, adding thearle of Bedford.

A forged seal of the Admiralty. A letter to Sir Henrye Nevill and the Deane of Windesour comending their diligence for thapprehending Walter Hudson, being taken with a counterfett seale of thadmiraltie; they are required very straitely to examine him, aswell touching the counterfeting of the said seale as to finde out what confederates he hath, and doth use that kinde of lief to go about in such disorderly maner, and as matter shall fall out against him or any others, so to procede against them acording to the lawes of the realme; and that they do give forth suche evidence for that purpose as they shall finde by any examinacions taken by them.

A letter to Mr. Sergeaunt Lovelace and Robert Keleway, esquier, with a letter inclosed from the Justices of the counties of Oxon and Berks touching thexecucion of a Statute made for the repairing of high waies and bridges neare Oxford. They are required to consider of the said letter and to give their opinions therein at the Sterre Chamber upon Friday next. Bridges and highways.

A letter to Christofer Dalston that where he, being executour to the Lady Jane Dacre, wief of Sir John Dacre of Lanercost, doth with hold a cheyne of gold given by the last will of the said Lady Jane to a yong gentleman named John Semple, sonne to the Lord Semple of Scotland and borne of the sister of the said Lady Jane, which having been sundry waies demaunded of him and now of late by the Lord Scrope, who was moved thereunto at the instaunce of the Lord Regent of Scotland; the said Dalston is therefore required to make deliverie of the said cheine to the said Lord Scrope without delay, and he to deliver the same over to the yong gentleman as apperteyneth, and this letter shalbe his discharge for this purpose, and in so doing he shall avoide other extremities which otherwise by the deteyning of it are likelie to fall unto him, and hereof he is willed to have regard. Claim against an executor.

A letter to Mr. Comptroller, Mr. Secretary Walsingham, Mr. Doctor Lewis, Mr. Dr. Awbrey, Sir William More, knight, and George Barnes, or any iij of them, that where heretofore letters have been written to all Justices and other officers, &c., for the execucion of proces graunted out of the Coourte of thadmiraltie in the behalf of certaine merchauntes, owners and factours of the v Brittish shippes laden with certein their goodes and merchaundizes, which by tempest of weather were cast away upon the coast of Sussex, and that certaine of the inhabitauntes of that countie who spoiled and conveied away the said goodes have refused by any meanes to make restitucion thereof; the said Commissioners are required, aswell for the repressing of suche uncharitable disorders as for the relief of the hard estate of the said pore men, to take some paines in that matter, and upon informacion to be Wrecking in Sussex. p. 23.

given them of suche as be the withholders of any of the said goodes, by vertue of thiese letters to send for them and to induce them by all good meanes that they can to yeld to some good ende, or if they shall refuse to be conformable acording to reason and justice, then to give suche order for their reformacion as to them shalbe thought mete by lawe and equitie.

At the Sterre Chamber, the first of June, 1576.

The Lord Keper.	Thearle of Bedford.
The Lord Tresourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Mildmaye.

A charge of piracy.

This day a complainte made by one Le Feir, merchaunt of St. Malowes, against Richard Grinevile, esquier, and William Hawkins of Plymowth, for the spoile of a shipp of his by the Castle of Cumpforte, and aunswered by Grinevile in the behalf of them both, being referred to the Judge of thadmiraltie, was reported by him, and for so much as it appeared that sundrie pointes stode upon proofe so as the very troth thereof could not be discerned, it was ordered by their Lordships that the said Judge shold with all expedicion proceade to the further examinacion thereof acording to the due coourse of the lawe, that thereupon the matter might be determined acording to justice.

The wine trade.

The same day these viij persons, viz^{t}, William Abraham, John Clere, Mathewe Cocklugh, George Crowther, John Hawle, Dominick Pichioni, Cuthbert Buckle and Richard Ridley, being the last Sterre Chamber day committed to the Fleete for selling of wines at rates above her Majesties Proclamacion, weare this day ordered to be delivered, and that they shold appeare the next Sterre Chamber day to enter into bandes to aunswer suche fine as shold be imposed upon them for their offences, and to offend no more from henceforth.

A letter to the Lord Cobham to give order for the deliverie of v prisoners deteyned in Dover, being men of Flusshing taken in a shippe callid the Nightingale of London, and staied, for that some of that shippe were kept in Flusshinge; forsomuche as it was testified that those of the shippe were retornid and well used, it was thought mete that the others also shuld be released, and his Lordship is required to release them acordinglie. Flushingers detained.

Letters to the Commissioners for the Restrainte of Graine of the counties upon the sea costes to suffer no corne to passe neither by licence nor without licence, acording to the minute in the Councell Chest. The corn trade.

A letter to Sir Amyas Powlet, Capten of Jersey, or his Deputie there, with a peticion inclosed exhibited by one John Englyshe against Hughe Perrin, lord of the mannor of Rossell in that Isle, for certaine wronges donne unto him by the said Perrin concerning a tenemente within the said mannor of Rossell; he is required to call both parties before him, and to examine the trouth of the matter by all proofes and witnesses that may be produced on either side, and thereupon to make some quiett order betwixt them acording to right and the use of that Isle in like cases acustomed; and if he can not bring it so to passe, then to advertise their Lordships in whose default it is, and what his opinion is in that matter, that therupon further order may be taken acording to justice. p. 24. A Jersey case.

A letter to Mr. Frauncis Hastinges and Mr. Adrian Stokes that where one Tomson, professing to be a reafiner of gold, and for that purpose hath gotten into his handes certein half sufferans, promising to make them as fine as angell gold, thereby alluding (*sic*) and abusing the people using his trade about Northampton and Leicester, and for that purpose hath gotten the acquainetaunce of a simple gold smith called Dodde; they are required to send for the said Dodde, and by examininge of him to informe themselfes of the doinges of the said Tomson, and where his abode is Tampering with the currency.

and what stay of living he hath, and thereupon to cause him to be apprehendid, and to examine him of the particularities of his doinges either upon his owne confession or the accusacion of any other, and as matter shall fall out, to take order for his furthcominge acording to justice.

At Grenewiche, the iij^de^ of June, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer.	Thearle of Bedford.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwicke.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The drainage of the Fens.

A letter to the Buisshop, Dean and Chapter of Elye, upon the receipt of their letters sent hither testifieng the benefitte that shold growe, not only to thinhabitauntes of the Ile of Elie but to diverse other places and counties adjoininge, by scowring of the river of Wesbiche; they are herebye advertised that letters are written to the Justices of Peace of the counties of Huntington, Cambridge, Northampton, Norfolk and parte of Lincolneshire to procure some contribucion to the doing of that worke, and that the money given for that purpose may be paid to such persons as shalbe appoineted to take the charge of that worke, which persons are to be chosen by the Buisshop, Deane and Chapter of suche as they shall thinke moost fitte for that purpose, wherein are comendid unto them these persons folowing; John Calvile of Newton, esquire, Robert Best and William Day, Cunstables of Wisbiche, William Acres of Loverington, Thomas Sturmyn of Tidd and Edward Wilkes, the sollicitour of this cawse; and for that the said workes might with more spede go forward in due season of the yere, the said Lord Buishop, Deane and Chapter are required to lend the parties abovenamid, upon their band, p. 25. the some of ij or iij^c li^ to begynne the said workes untill such money as shalbe collected for that purpose be recevid, and then to repaie the same back againe, and for that they be men of the churche, and such as shold give provocacion to others to further this good worke, it is hoped they will so do,

and not to suffer the worke to stand still for want thereof; and the bearer hereof, Edward Wilkes, shall give them further knowledge what order is taken with the Justices aforesaid concerning this matter, with whom they are required to conferre and take intelligence of their doinges in that behalf.

A letter to certen Justices of Peace of the counties of Huntington, Cambridge, Northampton, Norfolk and parte of Lincolneshiere and of the Isle of Elye for procuring some contribucion within the said counties towardes the scowring of the river of Wisbeche in the said Isle of Elie, acording to the minute in the Councell Chest.

Highways and bridges.

A letter to the Lord Norris, the Vicechauncelour and Mayour of Oxford, John Fetiplace, Gawen Crocker, Robert Doilie, Michaell Mollins, Edward Docura and Griffin Courtesie, Justices of Peax of the Counties of Oxon and Berks, to consulte uppon the Statute latelie made for the repayring of bridges and highe waies neare the citee of Oxford, acording to the minute in the Councell Chest.

At Grenewiche, the iiijth of June, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The robbery of the Queen of Scots.

A letter to the Sherif of the countie of Leicester that whereas one Clerck and Lea are prisoners under the custodie of the Sherif of London for robbing the goodes and jewels of the Quene of Scottes, and by their confession have hidden some parte of the same in Geddington Woode in Rockingham Forest in the countie of Northampton, the which they promise to finde out; it is ordered therefore that the said Sheriff shall conducte the said prisoners unto the said woode under safe keping, and letters are written to the Sheriffes of London to deliver the prisoners unto him and he thereupon to see them safe kept and not to have conference with any but in his presence. There be also letters written to the Sherif and

Justices of the countie of Northampton that they shall assiste the said Sherif of Leicester shere with such convenient forces as shalbe requisite for their safe keping during the tyme of their being in that countie in the search of the said woode, and when the search shalbe endid, then to convey the prisoners safelie to the gaole of Leicester shere, there to receave their triall by the Justices of thassises there in their Circuite, acording to the due coourse of the lawe, before which tyme the prisoners aforesaid, and all others guiltie in that cause must be indited; and what soever shalbe founde by this searche or discoverid touching this robberie to advertise their Lordships with as much expedicion as may be, and such thinges as shalbe founde to be safelie kept without spoile or imbeselling, to be aunswerid acordinge to right.

p. 26. A letter to the Shirreffes of London to deliver Clerck and Lea, prisoners under their charge for the robberye of the Queen of Scottes, to the Sheriff of the countie of Leicester, or such his officers as he shall send for them, to receve their triall in that countye.

A letter to the Sherif and Justices of Peax of the countie of Northampton to be aiding and assisting to the Sherif of the countie of Leicester for the safe keping of Clerck and Lea that robbed the Queen of Scottes' money, during the tyme the said searchers prisoners shold be searched of (*sic*) Geddington woode in that countie, under the custodye of the said Sherif of Leicestershiere; and, after the search endid, to helpe to conducte them safelie to the gayole of the countie of Leicester, and there to receve their triall, &c.

A letter of a generall assistaunce to all Sheriffes, Justices of Peace, &c., for the assistaunce of the Sherif of Leicester, for the safe custodye of ij prisoners under his charge for robbing the Queen of Scottes' money.

The law in Newcastle.

A letter to the Mayour and Aldermen of the towne of Newcastell that where upon complainte of one Symon de Starke, a merchaunt strainger and free denizon, procuratour to James Derickson and others, upon a sentence definitive

given by the Commissioners of Depredacions, whereupon execucion was awarded against one John Baxter of that towne, gentleman, for the somme of iiij^{c} one poundes vij^{s}, and he apprehendid and arrested by one aucthorized for that purpose, accompanied with a Pursevaunt, the xxth of Aprill last past, yet he was by the said Mayour and Aldermen set at libertie within two howres after he was arrested, notwithstanding that the processe were offerid to the said Mayour to be servid upon the partie by him self or his officers; the said Mayour is therefore required to procure the said execucion to be aunswered to the satisfaction of the said complainant acording to justice, orels that he or some Aldermen of that towne well instructed in the cause do make his personall apparaunce here to aunswer their former doinges in that behalf, or els to showe some good cause why they did it not.

At Grenewiche, the ixth of June, 1576. p. 27.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Tresourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

An Irish debtor.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London to call before him certaine creditours of one Henry Cusacke of the citee of Dublin, that where certaine goodes had been taken of them by one John Cusacke, as servant and factor to the said Henry, the same being testified and bandes deliverid by Henry Cusacke; forsomuche as the said John is now out of his service they shold be movid to forbeare to molest or to sue him in lawe for any of the bargaines made for his master, and to take their money of Henry Cusacke, the very debtour, who is of such creditt as it is to be thought he will pay them when he shall receave suche money of her Majestie as is due unto him upon the billes of such Captens as he hath deliverid his goodes unto.

The Dutch in the Narrow Seas.

A letter to Henry Palmer, Admirall of her Majesties shippes at the Narrowe Seas, in aunswer of one of his to the Lord Admirall wherein he declareth the taking and deteyninge of a

shippe named the Cocke of Middelborough, the Capten's name Nicholas Reister of Encason, his doinges therein being very well allowed of; and for aunswer he is required, as matters yet stand, to give order for the discharge of the said shippe, her furniture and cumpany out of hand, and to deteane only the Captein who is accused by his owne company to be the aucthor of the whole misdemeanor; he is given to witte that albeit the note of his doinges sent to the Lord Admirall be sent to Mr. Beale, yet shold he of him self give him to understand particulerlie all that hath passed in those doinges, and how farre forthe the marriners do charge their Captein, testified under their handes; finally, he is willed to make them plainelye to understand that there is no intencion to annoye them onles the same shall growe through their owne provocacion; the Capten deteyned to be kept in safe keping, so he departe not till further order be given, and to shew no further order of imprisonment.

A letter to Mr. Beale with the inclosed from the Lord Admirall, whereby he may be informed what aunswer to make in case any complainte be brought to the Prince or Governours there; and where order is given to Captein Palmer to discharge the shippe and marriners notwithstanding their misdemeanours and to deteyne only the Capten, if the same shalbe urged as a matter of unkindnes he is appointed to aunswer that he is not detained upon any intencion to be punished here, but upon presumption that his doinges being to the misliking of the Prince he may be deliverid unto him to be chastised as shalbe thought mete; he is put in minde to directe all his doinges as may moost further the intent of his negociacion.

p. 28. At Grenewiche, the xjth of June, 1576.

Thapparaunces as before.

A recognisance discharged.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles that where in Julye, 1575, he was appoineted, upon the deliverie of ——— Prestall out of the King's Benche, he toke his owne bandes of

v^c^ li for him, of John Rooper, esquier, ij^c^, and Edward Reast of London, ij^c^ li; forsomuch as it was declared that Roper became bounde at the sute of R. Verney, who promised to discharge him and being now deade he desyreth to be released of his band, his sute was thought reasonable, and he required that it shold be cancelled, seing the two other bandes stode in their force.

A letter to the Lord Chief Justice and Master of the Rolles that wheare at the Sterre Chamber they were appoineted to examine the causes of controversies betwixt the sonnes of Sir John St. Leger and the sonne of Sir John Perrott and other of that parte, for which Sir John St. Leger's sonnes and others of that side were committed to the Fleete, with order that Sir John Perrottes sonne and others, offendours of that parte, shold be committed when they mought be for their hurtes; they are required to advertise what had fallen out against such as were committed, and for indifferencie to give order that thothers mought be also committed, seing it was informed that younge Perrott had gonne abrode and was as well able to indure imprysonment as thothers. A family quarrel.

* The xij^th^ of June, 1576.

A letter to the Master of the Rolls, the Master of the Requestes and the Judge of thadmiraltie, with a peticion exhibited by William Jurden and other Westerne merchauntes, being spoiled at the seas, and finding their goodes in thandes of certaine merchauntes of London, who denye to discover wheare they had it; they be required to call the said merchauntes and to examine them, and thereupon the said Judge to award proces for the recoverie thereof acording to justice. Pirates' booty.

A letter to the Lord Chief Justice and the Master of the Rolles in aunswer of theirs to the Lords touching their dealinges in the cawse betwixt St. Leger and Perrot, by which they be aucthorized to deliver out of the Fleete upon p. 29. †xiiij^th^ of June. A family quarrel.

* No attendances given. † Original marginal note.

baile Jherome Mayheu, Edward Thursbie, William Wotton, gentlemen, Fraunces Hilliard, Henry Abraham and Fraunces Hayward, upon such bandes and condicions as they shall thinke their cause shall require.

Post horses. A post letter to Richard White, servant to the Lord Admirall, to ride to Harwich and backe again, being sent in very necessarie affaires.

At Grenewiche, the xxijth of Maye, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Tresourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The tenants of the Dean and Chapter of Durham. This daye there was hearde before the Lords above written the complaintes of certen the tenantes of the Deane and Chapiter of Duresme, the Deane of Duresme and one of the Canons being there present to aunswer the said complaintes, the said tenantes complayninge that they were expulsed of their tenementes against tenant right by which they claymed to holde; and, albeit that by examinacion taken in that matter heretofore by vertue of their Lordships' letters to the Lord President of the North, it did plainelie appeare and was also testified by the Lord President, being presente, that the said tenantes could not holde nor of right ought to claime their tenementes by tenant right, nor the widowes by the custome to have widowes estate; yet forsomuche as it was testified as well by thearle of Sussex, that had been Lord President there, as thearle of Huntington, presentlie in office, and not denied by the Deane and Chapiter, neither was here denied by the Deane being present, that the sayd tenantes were dailie driven to grete charges and used in dailie service upon the Borders more then in the inner parte of the realme, it was thought mete, and so ordered by their Lordships that grete respect sholde be had that none of the said tenantes sholde be expelled onles it were for re-

bellion or some other notoriouse cryme against the Prince or State, and in that pointe it was speciallie orderid that no widowe shold be put out of her tenemente so long as she shall continewe widowe; and for satisfieng of the complayntes of suche as be allredy expelled, albeit that by lawe it did appeare that they might by extremitie be put out, yet upon mocion made by their Lordships it was thought convenient and so orderid that the widowes, upon their humble sute to be made for the Deane and Chapiter and upon their acknowleging to receve the same of favour p. 30. and not of right, they shold be frelye restored, and that thothers upon like sute and acknowleging with some reasonable consideracion, to be adjudged by the Lord President, sholde againe be admitted to their possessions and enjoye their tenementes as afore tyme during their lives, except only ——— Seymour, who for his sclaunderous and sedicious behaviour manifestly provid was thought worthy of no favour more then by lawe shold appertaine unto him; and for a quiet order to continew betwene the said Deane and Chapiter and their tenantes hereafter, it is ordered that the tenantes from henceforth shall relinquishe and give over their claymes by tenant right; and for a knowledge of their tenancies every tenant, upon the death of his auncestour dieng tenant, shall paye upon every suche chainge two yeres rent in the name of a fine, and not above three yeres rent at the furthest, unto the Deane and Chapiter, over and above their usuall and acustomed rent; and if any widowe shall marrie, then her husband to pay as aforesaid two or three yeres rent in the name of a fine for continuance during her estate; and that the choice of the tenant after the death of any that shall dye shalbe made with the assent and allowaunce of the Deane and Chapiter, and that he be the sonne of the tenante that died, if there be anye, otherwise the Deane and Chapiter to preferre whom they shall thinke good.

And to thintent that this Order may have continuaunce to the quietnes of both parties, to thadvauncement of her

Majesties service upon the Borders and to the good credit of that Church, it is ordered, and thereunto hath the Lord President assented, that his Lorship at his going downe to his charge shall by all good meanes procure the full consent of the Deane and Chapiter to the Orders aforesaid, and to returne the same under their handes and seales that it may be so recorded in the Councell Booke, there to remaine as a testimony betwixt both parties in all controversies that may happen hereafter, and that the same may be also recorded and inrolled in the office of the Lord President and Counsell of the North, where the controversies are moost likelie to come in question.

p. 31. *xv^th^ of June. A pasport for James Barkeley, a gentleman of Scotland, to passe from hence by the way of Barwicke into Scotland.

Sir J. Perrot's son. A letter to the Lord Chief Justice and the Master of the Rolles that wheare by former letters emong other matters it was appoinetid that the sonne of Sir John Perrot for indifferencie shold be committed as the sonnes of Sir John St. Leger weare, hearinge by the reporte of the surgeon that thereby he may growe into some perill through the unholsomnes of the melancolicke place, it is thought reasonable that he shalbe forborne for iiij^or^ or v daies more; and they be required to give order accordinglie, notwithstanding their former letters to the contrarye.

Lord Abergavenny. A letter to the Lord Keper concerninge the controversie betwixt the Lord of Burgaveny and one Pike for the payment of certaine rent oxen, according to the minute in the Councell Chest written at the request of Mr. Peter Osburne.

Another to the Lord Aburgaveny for that purpose, whereof also there remayneth a mynute in the Councell Chest.

The Berwick accounts. A letter to Sir Robert Cunstable, knight, Mershall of Barwicke, for the taking order with certaine persons in Berwick and thereaboutes that be indebtid to Sir Valentine Browne, knight, touching the payment of their said debtes to the

* Original marginal note.

Queen's Majesties use, acording to the minute in the Councell Chest, with the aunswers of the debtor *postilled* with Sir Valentine Browne's replicacion.

A letter of assistaunce in the behalf of the Aldermen and Societie of the Stilliard against one Oderd Flecklingburge for spoiles committed upon a shippe of theirs named ———— , laden with salt and other merchaundizes, by which all her Majesties officers are required to see the processe out of the Coourte of thadmiraltie to be executed acording to the effect of the same. The Steelyard

At Detford, the xviijth of June, 1576. p. 32.

The Lord Keper.	Thearle of Warwick.
The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Arundell.	

A letter to the Lord Chief Justice and the Master of the Rolles that they shall cause to be put at libertie John St. Leger, Dudley St. Leger, Walter Saies, John Lewes, John Smith, James Wesell and ——— Eton, that were latelie committed to prison for the disorder lately donne betwixt them and Sir John Perrottes sonne, taking suche bandes and sureties of them for their apparaunce hereafter as the case in their opinions shall require. A family quarrel.

At Grenewiche, the xixth of June, 1576.

The Lord Keper.	Thearle of Arundell.
The Lord Tresourer.	Mr. Tresourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Sir Walter Mildmay.

A letter to Henry Palmer, Admirall of her Majesties shippes presentlie upon the Narrowe Seas, that whereas by his letters to Sir William Winter he signifieth that the Captein of the The Dutch in the Narrow Seas.

Flusshingers' shippe which he hath lately taken was not in falt for the ristence (*sic*) lately made against him, but chiefely imputeth the same to iiij of his companye, he is therefore now referred unto him to suffer the said Captein to departe, and to make him tunderstand that there is none annoyaunce ment to any of them of Flusshing unlesse it be by their owne provocacion, and to charge him upon his creditt to declare the same to the Prince and thother Governours there, and also of the manner of the doinges of those iiij persons that gave the provocacion aforesaid, that they may aswell receave correction therefore, as others thereby to be warned not to attempt the like.

Lady Windsor's case.

A letter to George Puttenham that wheare he was ordered by the decree of tharchbishop of Caunterburye to pay cxij^{li} towardes the relief and charges of the Lady Windesor, his wife, which he hath heretofore comtemptuouslie refused to do, notwithstanding all meanes that could be used against him to provoke him thereunto, he is therefore now required without all delaie to make payment of the said somme unto her or to suche as she shall appointe for that purpose, orels to make his personall apparaunce before their Lordships in the cumpanye of the bearer hereof, one of the Queen's Majesties Purcevauntes, and not to faile in any wise as he will aunswer to the contrarie at his perill.

p. 33. The Rickmansworth case.

A letter to Mr. Comptroller, Mr. Justice Southecote, Mr. Doctour Wilson, Mr. Sollicitour Generall and Mr. Recorder of London that wheare a controversie hath long tyme dependid betwene Rivett and Sexe for a lease in Rickmansworth, they are required to call both parties before [them] with such witnesses and proofes as eche parte shall like to produce, and after the understanding of the true state thereof to make suche a finall ende betwene them by both their consentes as may be agreable to equitie and justice.

Sir W. Winter.

This day certein instructions were signed for Sir William Winter to repaire to the Prince of Orenge, acording to the minute in the keping of Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to Mr. Beale sent from my Lords to him, &c., acordinge to the minute lickewise in Mr. Secretaries kepinge.

This daye certein sutes being moved in the behalf of thiese gentlemen whose names folowe, viz.; John Draicot, Hughe and Sampson Erdiswick, Brian Fowler and Erasmus Wolseley, &c., as in the minute of thorder for that purpose appereth. The Staffordshire recusants.

At Grenewiche, the xixth of June, 1576. p. 34.

The Lord Keper.	Thearle of Bedford.
The Lord Threasurer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Sir Walter Mildmaye.
Thearle of Arundell.	

This day certein sutes being moved to their Lordships in the behalf of thiese gentlemen whose names do folowe, viz.; John Draicot, Hughe Erdiswicke, Sampson Erdiswick, Brian Fowler and Erasmus Wolseley of the Diocese of Coventrie and Lichefielde, Fraunces Eireman, Robert Beckett and Richard Tremaine of the Diocese of Exon, who had ben heretofore committed for certaine cawses of obstinacie in Religion, namelye, for not going to the churche in tyme of sermons and Commen Prayer; and some of them in respect of their necessarie businesses depending in lawe or otherwise were licensed to departe home to their howses to folowe their said cawses, upon bandes to retorne prisoners againe by the first day of the next Terme, incase in the meane tyme they shold not bring good testimonye from the Buisshoppe of their Diocese of the conformitie in Religion, and some others be yet in prison or convented for those causes; forsomuche as in their peticions at this presente it is alleadged that they have yet contynuinge causes in controversie and other affaires that muche importeth, and that also they desire respite of some lenger tyme to be perswaded in the causes of Religion, their Lordships were pleasid to dispence with their imprysonment for this tyme and to licence them to departe home into their countreis and The Staffordshire and Devonshire recusants.

dwelling howses untill the begynninge of the next Terme to be holden after Mighelmas, with thiese orders and condicions folowinge :—

First, they shall within v daies after that they shalbe retornid into their owne countrey, and after that once every monithe at the least during the tyme of their license and absence from London, make their repaier to the Bisshoppe of the Diocese where they dwell, and to make offer unto him of conference in Religion to be resolved in those pointes that they stande in dowbte of, either by the Bisshoppe him self or by such other lernid men as he shall appointe for that purpose.

They shall not, besides this conference with the Buisshop or suche lernid men as shalbe appoineted for their perswacion, use any communicacion or argumentes against the presente state of Religion established in this realme, nor by writing or any other acte induce any others to opinion contrarye to the said Religion.

They shall not suffer any unnecessarie repaire of people to their howses, nor in any wise suche as be of the contrarie Religion nor suche as be knowen to absent themselfes from
p. 35. their parishe churches, neither shall they make any jornies or metinges abrode to or with such persons as be noted to be of the contrarie Religion, but shall remaine and abide at their owne dwelling howses, unles it shalbe to resorte to places requisite for folowinge of their said cawses for which they do desire this libertie.

It is furder ordered that eche of them shall enter into bandes to her Majesties use in the somme of cccc^{li} that they shall observe the condicions above written, and also that they shall retorne prisoners againe to the places where they were before committed by the first day of Mighelmas Terme, incase in the meane tyme they shall not procure good testimonie from the Bisshop of their conformitie and amendement in Religion.

It is also orderid that notice shalbe given to the Bisshoppes of the Dioceses where every of them do dwell of the manner

of their deliverie, and that they be required not only to use all good meanes to reduce them to conformitie but also to have an eye by themselfes and their ministers to see how they behave themselfes acording to thorders afore appointed, and thereof to make reporte to their Lordships acordinglie.

Dr. Feckenham.

This day also upon sute made unto their Lordships in the behalf of Doctor Fecknam that for the better recovery of his helth he mought have license to repaire to the Bathes in the countie of Somerset, their Lordships were pleasid to graunt the same, so as he make his retorne againe and remaine acording to his bandes in place where he presentlie is by the last of September, and that at his being there and whiles he shalbe abrode he do admitte no assemblies nor conference with any person that shalbe of Religion contrary to the lawes and orders established in this realme, as he meaneth to enjoye the favour and libertie which now and heretofore hath ben graunted unto him.

At Grenewiche, the xxiiijth of June, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer.	Thearle of Bedford.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Arundell.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Warwick.	

The robbery of the Queen of Scots.

A letter to John Reade, gentleman, to deliver certein horses which did belong to them that robbed the Quene of Scottes' money, to thearle of Bedford, to whom they did belong, to be aunswered to her Majestie, in the right of his office in the Forest of Rockingham.

An importunate petitioner.

A letter to Mr. Leighton, Capten of Garnesey, with thopinion of the Judge of thadmiraltie touching the case betwixt Durant of Emloes and him, after thunderstanding whereof their Lordships dowbte not he will take order for the satisfaction of the peticioner, wherewith their Lordships shalbe eased, the peticioner being as clamerouse as any that hath come before them.

p. 36. A Frenchman's complaint.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie with a peticion of one John Fasshanes, a Frenchman, commendid to my Lords by the French Ambassadour; he is required earnestly to consider thereof and to give order for the satisfaction of the peticioner acording to justice; and if anything shalbe nedefull to be donne by their Lordshippes for the furtheraunce thereof, upon knowledge of his opinion they offer to accomplishe what shalbe nedefull.

The Berwick accounts.

This day Robert Bradforde of the towne of Berwicke, being bounde by the Mershall there to make his apparaunce before their Lordships, appeared accordinglie, and is enjoyned not to departe till he shall obtaine licence of their Lordships.

The matrimonial case.

Wheare George Puttenham hath been charged before their Lordships that he shold unlawfullye and unhonestly convey certein landes belonginge to the Lady Windesour, his wyfe, during her lyfe in the right of Mr. ——— Powlet, her former husband, from her and her children, he offereth before their Lordshippes, that if it shalbe proved that he have made suche conveyaunce unlawfully against the lawes of the realme, or with any dishonestly purpose or intente, he will, upon the matter proved, stand to the order of the Lords in the Sterre Chamber for those landes so said to be conveyed, without taking any advauntage of her Majesties pardon graunted this last Parliament.

At Grenewiche, the xxvth of June, 1576.

Subscribed by the Lords aforesaid, except the Lord Tresourer, the Lord Admirall and thearle of Arundell.

Mistaken identity.

A letter to the Lord Chief Justice with a bill exhibited in the behalf of Marmaduke Middelton, prisoner in the Kinges Benche wherein for so muche as it was alleadged that he was not the same man that he accompted him to be, nor giltie of the faltes laide to his charge, it was referred to his Lordship incase the allegacion were true,

[that] he shold take order for his delivery in suche sorte as to him shoulde be thought meete.

A pasporte for Monsieur Martignes and ij of his men to passe into Fraunce. A passport.

A letter to Sir Edmunde Brudenell and Thomas Brokes wherein they be comendid for their diligence and paines in thexaminacions taken for the robberie of the Queen of Scottes' money; they be required to apprehend Thomas Tressham, and to send him up in safe keping without conference, signifieng also that the like shalbe donne with Richard Yeomans, who was saide to attend his master, Sir Thomas Tressham, here; and yet if he be found in the countrey they be willed to send him up with thother; and for the disorders touching hunting, their Lordships do will them to cause inquerie to be made therof, and that thoffendours taken may be ordered acording to justice and the qualitie of their faultes. The robbery of the Queen of Scots. p. 37.

A letter to Sir Thomas Tressham that where their Lordships understand that one Richard Yeamans doth attend upon him, he is required to send him up under safe keping, without conference with any person untill he shall come to their presence.

A letter to Henry Palmer, where their Lordships understand that he hath apprehendid one Anthony Noller, a man suspected of very badd dealing towardes the State, he is required to examine him upon certein Interrogatories, whereof a note remayneth in the Councell Chest, and thereupon to committe him to safe keping to the Lieutenant of the Castell of Dover, who upon the sight of the letter sent to Palmer shall take the charge of him, and not suffer him to departe till he shalbe furder directed from their Lordships; he is willed to advertise what shall fall out upon his examinacion. A seaman under suspicion.

The Interrogatories were thiese:—

In what parte of this realme was he borne, how brought up, and where his last dwelling was before his departure?

For what cawse went he out of this realme, how long he hath been abrode, and where hath he spent his time whilest he hath been out?

How long hath he servid at the seas, by what Commission, with what company and what shippes he hath taken?

What companyons of Englishe men hath he had abrode, how be they interteyned, and where he left them?

At Grenewiche, the xxvijth of June, 1576.

Subscribed:—

The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

An appearance.

Richard Inckepen of Everley in the countie of Wilteshire, gentleman, being heretofore bound to make his apparaunce, is this day appered accordinglie, and was commaunded not to departe, but to make his continuall attendaunce untill furder order shalbe by their Lordships taken with him.

p. 38.

The expenses of the Council Office.

A warraunt to the Treasourer of the Chamber to pay unto the Clerckes of the Councell, or to the bearer hereof in their names, for provision of paper, pennes, incke and other necessaries for one whole yere endid at the feast of St. John the Baptist last past, the somme of xiij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}, and for a Register Boke viij^{s}.

The Oxfordshire roads and bridges.

A letter to the Lord Norries, the Vicechauncelour and Mayour of Oxford, Christopher Browne, John Fetiplace and Mighell Mollins, that where their Lordships do understande by their letters that they have taken order for the repayring of the bridges and highe waies nere Oxford by the good consentes of all partes, their doinges in that behalf is commendid of, and their Lordships do lickewise give their assentes thereunto.

A runaway apprentice.

A letter to the Lord Deputie of Ireland in the behalf of John Wharton, gonne maker, dwelling without Temple Barre, that wheare a prentice of his, named Christofer Cannabie,

being xxiij (*sic*) yeres of age, whom he hath brought up of a childe and hath vij yeres to come in his prentishippe, is inticed to departe away from his master by the procurement of one Brabason dwelling nere Dublin, and is gonne over into Ireland to his master's grete hinderaunce, which kinde of practise is not to be suffered unreformed; his Lordship is therefore required to make inquerie for the said prentice, and to cause him to be apprehendid and deliverid to suche as shalbe appoineted to attend his Lordship for that purpose; and that his Lordship do also signifie his minde to Brabason that he may understand how letill his Lordshippe doth allowe of suche dishonest dealinges and practises, and that he will give no countenance thereunto.

At Grenewiche, the xxixth of June, 1576.

Thapparaunces as before, wanting thearle of Arundell and therle of Bedford.

The robbery of the Queen of Scots.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles with the certificat and letters of Sir Edmonde Brudenell and Mr. Thomas Brokes touching thexaminacions taken for the robberie of the Queen of Scottes' money in the countie of Leicester, by which some cause of suspicion falling out against one Richard Yeaman, he being apprehendid and brought before their Lordships was with the said letters sent to the said Master of the Rolles under the charge of the Keper of the Marshalsie, who was ordered to use him as the Master of the Rolles shold directe him.

At Grenewiche, the first of July, 1576. p. 39.

The Lord Keper.	Thearle of Bedford.
The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Warwicke.	Mr. Mildemay.

The Flushing pirates.

A letter to Mr. Beale in the behalf of certein merchauntes of London, laders of the shippe called the Bonaventure spoiled by

them of Flusshing; the peticion is sent with one of them informed in the cause, he is required to use all good meanes that he can to procure redresse for restitucion.

Clerical preferment in Galway.

A letter to the Lord Deputie of Ireland in the behalf of Edward Browne of that countrey birthe, Master of Arte in the Universite of Oxford, that where the Quenes Majestie hath given unto him for his preferrment a graunt of a livinge neare Galwey in that realme, whereof he hath for a season ben quietly possessed, and being now of late spoiled and bereved of the proffittes of the same by some of the inhabitauntes nere adjoyning, his Lordship is required by all good meanes that he can to maineteyne him in his right, so as he may recover the frutes thereof to his better maintenance of studie.

Sir V. Browne's accounts.

A letter to the Mayour of Hull and Mr. Hilliard that where Sir Valentine Browne is to deliver over unto Robert Vernon, Victualler of Berwicke, for the furniture of the garrison there certaine quantities of graine, they are required, upon notice to be given unto them by both the said parties or their ministers of the tyme appointed for that purpose, that they shall make choice of iiij honest and indifferent persons, skilfull in those matters, to take the view of the kindes of graine and to judge of the goodnes thereof; and that so muche as shalbe by them said good may be deliverid to Robert Vernon or his deputies, and the rest to be made good by Sir Valentine, acording to such quantitee upon his accompt and bargaine as by his remaines he is bound to deliver.

A letter to Thomas Roineton, Marmaduke Lacie and Arthur Dakins, or any ij of them, in the like effect as to the Mayour of Hull and Mr. Hilliard.

A letter to the Lord President in the North or the Vice President there in the behalf of Sir Valentine Browne, for the leavieng of certaine remaynes, &c., acording to the minute remayning, &c.

Complaints against the Dutch.

A letter to Mr. Winter and Mr. Beale requireng them to stay to move any denunciacion of hostilite untill they shold receve furder direction from their Lordships.

A pasport to William and Richard Harley, the yonger sonnes of John Harley of the countie of Hereford, esquier, scholers of the New Colledge in Oxford, to passe beyond the seas to attend their studie. p. 40. A passport for scholars.

A letter to the Lord Keper to graunt forth a Commission upon the Statute of Sewiers, at the sute of thinhabitauntes of Rie, for the bettering of the haven there, to suche persons thereaboutes as his Lordship shall thinke metest for that purpose. Rye harbour.

At Grenewiche, the second of Julye, 1576.

The Lord Keper.	Thearle of Bedford.
The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to the Lord Darcie, Sir Thomas Mildmay, William Walgrave, Henrye Goldinge or any iij of them, that where a complainte remayninge in the Councell Chest hath ben exhibited by the inhabitauntes of Colchester against Benjamyn Clere, Bailif there, for certein injuries offered by him to the said inhabitauntes, they be required to examine the particularities of the said complaint by all proofes that shalbe produced for the finding out of the trouth, and by the othe of any person that shalbe towched in the said complainte, and upon thunderstanding of all the said pointes to make certificat thereof unto their Lordships under their handes, and to give order that the leavyeng of the taxe complained of may be forborne untill they shall receve furder direction from theyr Lordships in that behalf. A complaint from Colchester.

At Grenewiche, the viijth of Julye, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Bedford.	Sir Walter Mildmaye.
Mr. Thresourer.	

Release on bail.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles to baile Richard Ycaman, examined by him, for that he is bailable by the lawe, to take bandes with sureties for his apparaunce before the Justices of thassises in the countie of Leicester at the next Gaole Deliverie, and before their Lordshippes when upon reasonable warninge he shalbe called for.

p. 41. Cowes Castle.

A letter to Capten Horsey, John Naile, John Stockeman, William Popingaie and Robert Welles to view and survey the decaies of the fortresse of the West Cowe, to consider how it may be repaired with least coaste, and to certifie the same with an estimat what it is like to amount unto.

Paris Garden.

A warraunt to the Tresourer of the Chamber to pay unto Mr. Thomas Bowes, Master of her Majesties Game at Paris Garden, for presenting the said game before her Majestie upon Wenisday in the Whitson weke, the somme of v^{li}.

A merchant's difficulties.

A letter to the creditours of William Nutshawe to forbeare to molest or trouble him, his goodes and sureties, untill the ende of January next cominge, for that it is promised by that tyme he shall receve payment from the French King of such debtes as are due unto him by the said King, and so thereupon he shalbe the better able to aunswer his said creditours.

Provisions for Munster.

A letter to the Justices of Peace in the countie of Pembrock that where Sir William Drurye is appointed to serve her Majestie as Lord President of Mounster in Ireland, and to have there in guarrison and of his owne retinew to the nomber of 350 persons, and for the better sustentacion of those nombers order is given that there should be provided in that countie the quantitee of a hundred quarters wheate and vj^{xx} quarters malt, which the said Justices are required to cause to be levied there in such places as are moost convenient and nearest to the sea coast, and that cariages may be provided for bringing the same to the sea coast at reasonable prices, and that they give order to the officers of the portes there to suffre the said quantitees to passe acordinglie, foreseing nevertheless that by the providing of this quantite there be no

grete scarcities bredd, nor the prices reised to the injurie of the pore people there, and that under this pretence no greater quantite be sufferid to passe then is pretendid, nor caried into any other place but to Ireland.

A pasport for William Burrow, one of the Queen's Majesties Musicions, to passe quietly into the Lowe Countreis for iiij monithes for the doinge of his necessarie affaires, and then to retorne from thence againe. A passport.

A letter to John Peter, esquier, Sherif of Essex, that where one Richard Yong, yeoman, sojorninge in the howse of William Yong, his brother, at High Rothing in the said countie of Essex, hath been convented by the Highe Commissioners for Causes of Religion to appere before them and to aunswer thereunto, hath very disorderly disobeied not only the processe servid upon him, but also the said Sherif being with him in person; and for that such disorders are not to be sufferid in any man of what degree so ever, the said Sherif is required upon the receipt hereof to cause him to be apprehendid by all lawfull meanes that he can, and to cause him to be brought before their Lordships under safe keping with as muche expedicion as may be. A summons disobeyed.

A letter to Robert Gregorie, Deputie Viceadmirall of the countie of Dorset, that whereas John Ryon and John Giles, Procuratours to Ivan Lorence and others, merchauntes of Britanie, have obtained proces out of the Coourte of thadmiraltie for recoverie of a shippe called the John, with ij^{c}xv barrels and xvj littell barrels of butter and one hogeshed of tallow taken from them at the seas by certaine pirattes and brought to the porte of Weymowth and Melcombe Regis, he is required to be aiding and assisting to the said Ryon and Giles for the recoverie of the said shippe with her abillimentes, furniture and their goodes aforesaid, acording to the said proces. p. 42. Piracy.

A letter to thearle of Southampton in aunswer of one of his to the Lord Tresourer touching the doinges of himself and the rest of the Commissioners for Transportacion of Graine, &c., in The corn trade.

that countie, he is thancked for his diligence and the care of his countrey; and where it semeth that derthe and scarcitee is bredd under pretence of caryenge of corne to the relief of other shieres, they be required to have care to the provision of their owne countrey, and not to suffer any to passe to any other shiere unles they have first notice from the justices that they have nede thereof for their relief.

Irish matters. A letter to the Bishop of Meth giving him thanckes for his good governement of thenglishe Pale whilest the Lord Deputie was occupied himself in other Provinces.

A letter to Mr. Gurbie, Deane of Christchurch in Dublin, giving him thanckes and commending his diligence for governement in the Province of Conaught whilest the Lord Deputie was in Munster, speciallie for that by his meanes McWilliam Eughter was the rather brought to yeld him self to obedience and to do homage and fealtie to the Lord Deputie.

The defences of Hull. A letter to Sir Henry Gates, Thomas Boineton, Rafe Rockebie, Mr. Jenkins, the Recevour of Yorkeshire, Mr. Bethell, Surveyour, touching a certificat to be made by them of such landes as were given to the towne of Kingston upon Hull to the mainetenance of the Castle and Blockehowses there, &c., acording to the minute in the Councell Chest.

p. 43. At St. James', the xth of Julie, 1576.

The Lord Keper.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Tresourer.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Warwick.	Sir Walter Mildmaye.

Lewd words. A letter to the Lord Dacre in aunswer of his of the xxviijth of June concerning certaine lewde and contemptuous speches uttered by one Alexander Parker, for the which his Lordship is thancked and aunswerid that he shall cause him to be apprehendid, and with the assistaunce of some one or two

Justices of Peax adjoyninge to examine how those wordes are to be proved against him; and as matter shall falle out to take order for his forthcominge at the next Assises, at which tyme his Lordship is appoineted to imparte thexaminacions and the proofes thereof to the Justices of Assises cominge in their Circuite, who upon the sight of their Lordships' letters shold procede further as justice required; and by an other letter of the xjth of this presente he was required to joine with him the Lord Buckhurst in thexaminacion of the said Parker.

A private complaint.

A letter to therle of Pembroke with a peticion exhibited unto their Lordshippes by one Anthony Cokeshedd of Chymney, conteyninge a grevous complainte against Sir Thomas Wroughton, knight, whereunto because their Lordships knew not what may be aunswerid, his Lordship is required to send for the said Wroughton and by conference with both partes to understand the true state of the matter, and to determine it acording to right; or if there be any difficultie in lawe, or any other nedefull cause, he shall imparte the same to the Justices of Assises, and to use their helpe to reduce it to an ende; or if his Lordship shall finde the disorders such as he cannot agree, then to advertise their Lordships in whom he shall finde the default, with his opinion in the cause, that further order may be taken as the matter shall require.

A Northern recusant.

A letter to therle of Huntingdon and in his absence to Sir Thomas Gargrave, Vicepresident there, in the behalf of John Towneley, esquier, prisoner in the Castle at Yorke for causes of Religion, to be enlarged from the said prison and deliverid to the custodie of Mr. Assheton of Chatterton, of whose disposicion in causes of Religion their Lordships have a very good liking, and do hope that by conference of Towneley with him he may be the better reduced to conformitee; and therefore their Lordships, with the assent of the Lord Archebisshop and others by whom he was first committed, have thought good that he shold be deliverid acordinglie, taking first bandes of him to her Majesties use in the somme of v$^{c li}$ to performe such condicions as are conteyned in a note sent here inclosed, and after he shall have so enterid into bandes to give order

for his inlargement and his deliverie into the charge of Mr. Assheton as aforesaid.

p. 44. Goods detained in Spain.

A letter to the Mayour of Bristowe that where upon complainte of George Herbert of Newport in Wales that certaine his goodes and merchaundizes were arested at St. Sebastian's in Spaine by one John Griffith and Edward and Richard, his sonnes, for what cause he knoweth not; for that two of the said Griffithes are now presentlie in Bristowe, he is required, calling unto him two or three of his brethern of the moost indifferent and best judgement in those cases, and to informe them selfes by conference with the said parties of the true state of the matter, and to do the best they can to make some finall ende betwene them by both their consentes; or if they can not so do to advertise their Lordships under their handes in whom they shall finde the default, that thereupon some furder order may be taken as the cause in justice shall require.

Treasure for Ireland.

A placard for James Prescott, servant to the Lord Deputie of Ireland, to take up cartes, cariages, teames and all other necessaries for the conveying of such treasure and charge as is comitted to him to be transported into Ireland to the Lord Deputie there to the water side, and lickewise of shipping at the sea coast for his transportacion, and to be assisted of wachemen and any other nedefull thing for the better safetie of his charge.

An order disobeyed.

A letter to Owen Holland that where he hath ben heretofore commaunded to make his apparaunce before their Lordships, and enjoyned not to departe without licence, which he hath now, contrarie to the said order, departed without leave, a matter not mete to be suffered, he is eftesones required without all delaie to make his repaire againe before their Lordships, aswell to aunswer the said contempt as any other matter that shalbe objected against him.

Complaint against Lord Riche.

A letter to Mr. Justice Southcote and Mr. Justice Gawdie that where one Marmaduke Midleton, a pore man, hath exhibited a complainte of certain griefes against the Lord Ritche

and certaine his tenantes, which by reason of his povertie he is not able to pu[r]sewe by order of lawe, they are required at some convenient tyme and place, when they shalbe in that countie, to take informacion of the matter by the pore man's owne reporte, and to conferre with the Lord Riche and such others as shalbe touched in the case, and to use all good meanes they can to bring the matter to an ende with quietnes; and if they can not so do to advertise in whom the default is with their opinion in the matter, to thende that furder order may be therin taken as appertayneth.

A pasport for John Dridsdale, a gentleman of Scotland, being come out of Fraunce, to passe from hence into Scotland by the way of Barwick with his servantes and stuffe. A passport.

An open letter to all Justices of Peace, Mayours and others, &c., within the severall shieres of Wales, that where the bearer hereof, Christopher Saxton, is appointed by her Majestie under her signe and signet to set forth and describe in * coates particularlie all the shieres in Wales, that the said Justices shalbe aiding and assisting unto him to see him conducted unto any towre, castle, highe place or hill to view that countrey, and that he may be accompanied with ij or iij honest men such as do best know the cuntrey for the better accomplishement of that service, and that at his departure from any towne or place that he hath taken the view of, the said towne do set forth a horseman that can speke both Welshe and Englishe to safe conduct him to the next market towne, &c. A survey of Wales. p. 45.

A letter to the Deane and Chapter of Exeter that where the Bishop there hath bestowed the office of the Principall Registershippe of Exceter upon William Germyne, they are desired to confirme his patent of that office under their chapter seale. An ecclesiastical office.

A letter to the Lord Tresourer in the behalf of Mr. Henry Middelmore, that where heretofore her Majesties graunte made unto him concerning bringing in of bowestaves, and for trans- The importation of bow staves.

* ? for "cartes."

porting and landing of forbidden wares in or out of this realme, hath been staied by their Lordships, yet now considering that the due and orderly execution thereof may benefitte her Majestie and do good to the commen welth, their Lordships do yelde that the said restrainte shalbe eftesones put at libertie, upon condicion that he shall enter into bandes to her Majesties use for the observacion of certen articles agreed upon by his Lordship and the rest of the said Lords, and lickewise to performe all clauses of the Statute made the last Parliament for the due execucion of Penall Statutes, and also to forsee that the Societie of the Stilliard may be provided for in the case of bowe staves.

The Restraint of Victuals.

A letter to the Lord Darcie, Sir Thomas Lucas and Henry Golding, with a certificat and letter of theirs retornid to them here inclosed, touching their proceding in the causes of Restrainte of Graine and Victuels, &c., with hartie thanckes for their travell and diligence taken therein; they are required at the next cominge of the Justices of thassises into that countie to imparte unto them the said certificat, and all other offences that they shall finde of that kinde, and that they shall procede against thoffendours acording to lawe, and that they may be ponished acordinge to the qualitie of their offences.

Osterley Park.

A letter to Mr. Justice Southcote, Mr. Recorder of London and the rest of the Justices of Peax of the countie of Middlesex, with the examinacions of such as pulled downe and burned Sir Thomas Gresham's parke pale at Osterley at her Majesties last being there; they are required at the next Generall Sessions in that countye to cause the said offendours to be inquired of acording to lawe, and as matter shall fall out against any of them to procede to their ponishmement acording to justice.

p. 46.

A summons obeyed.

This day Henry Carew, gentleman, being commaunded by the Lord Threasurer to make his apparaunce before their Lordships, hath appeared acordinglie and comaunded to give his attendaunce from tyme to tyme untill he shalbe licenced by their Lordships to departe.

A letter to the Master and Felowes of the Quenes Colledge in Cambridge that where the Queen's Majestie hath written her letters in recommendacion of one William Hewes to be admitted a Felowe there, whereat they made some scruple in respect of a Statute against thallowance of more Welshemen then one at a tyme in that Felowshippe, and partelye because Mr. Secretarie Smithe made some suite for another; they are required for that this suite is made by her Majestie, who may dispence with all such Statutes and is the very patrone of all their priviledges, to have consideracion thereof, and not to denye her Majesties request herein. Queen's College, Cambridge.

At the Sterre Chamber, the xjth of Julie, 1576.

Thapparaunces as before, saving thearle of Warwick.

This day John Harpesfilde, Doctour William Weston and John Smitheson, being bounde to make their apparaunce and to give attendaunce upon the Lords of her Majesties Privy Counsell at every tyme their Lordships should sitt in Counsell at the said Sterre Chamber during this Terme, appeared accordinglie, and are commaundid to give like attendaunce at every Sterre Chamber day the next Mighelmas Terme, when they shall sitte in Counsell there. The religious prisoners.

At St. James', the xiijth of Julie, 1576.

The Lord Keper.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Tresourer.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Sir Walter Mildmay.
Thear[l]e of Bedford.	

A letter to Mr. William Walgrave, advertising him of the receipt of his letters of the vjth of this presente, concerninge mocion made unto him by the straingers dwelling in the towne of Colchester to graunte them his good will that some mought be suffered to dwell in the towne of Holstede Foreigners in Essex. p. 47.

in Essex, and there to use their trade of making of baies; their Lordships do signifie unto him that they like well of their mocion and thincke it reasonable to be graunted, so that the nomber of howseholdes that shall come thither may be set downe in some certeintie and established in suche good ordre there as the straingers of Colchester be, the forme of which order and graunte their Lordships wold have to be drawen and sent hither to be considerid of the Quenes lernid Counsell, and thereupon their Lordships will give their best furtheraunce unto it.

Sir H. Sidney. A letter to the Lord Deputie of Ireland, acording to the minute in the Councell Chest.

Convoy for the wool fleet. A letter to Henry Palmer, Admirall of her Majesties shippes presentlie at the seas, that where certaine shippes laden with wolles belonging to the Merchauntes of the Staple to be transported to Brudges in Flaunders, and wilbe in a redines for that purpose at Gore Ende by the xxth of this moneth, he is required with those her Majesties shippes under his charge to see them safelie to passe the seas and be brought to the haven of Sluce, where they may be out of dainger, and that he have good regard in all his doinges to kepe her Majesties shippes in place where they may departe at pleasure.

The Lord Admiral. A Commission for the taking of one carte with horses and furniture for the carying of stuffe of the Lord Admiral's from his howse at Purford to her Majesties howse at Grafton.

The reversion of a manor. A letter to Henry Harper, esquier, whereas Edward Fludde, one of her Majesties Gentlemen Ushers, hath obtained the revercion of the mannour of Pulton in the countie of Chester, the fee simple thereof belongeth to one Thomas Gravenar, and that the possession of the premisses is by casuall meanes come to the handes of the said Harper, for which he is now in question of lawe, and for that Gravenar hath sought by sundry meanes to attaine to the possession of the said lease, thereby to prejudice the

interest and title of the said Fludde, the said Harper is required, as a matter touching him in honestie and conscience, to have good reguarde to the safe keping of the said lease, and that the same be not in any meanes cancelled, defaced nor impaired, but that it may be deliverid to the said Fludde at such tyme as he shall, by decree or otherwise, recover the possession thereof, and that in the meane tyme no indirect dealing be used betwene the said Gravenar and Harper that shalbe prejudiciall to the state and interest of the said Fludde.

Maritime insurance.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London, whereas letters have been often written to him and his predecessours to consider for some order to be made for matters of assuraunce, the wante whereof doth dailie brede grete trobles, he is now required to send unto their Lordships without delaie that hath ben donne in that behalf, and also the perfect note of the rates that hath ben set downe for the registring of assuraunces, and therein to use the more expedicion for that, upon the certaine knowledge thereof, their Lordships are to procede therein to the furtheraunce of her Majesties service. p. 48.

The Plague in the Tower.

A letter to the Lieutenant of the Tower in aunswer of his wherein he informed that the Deputie Porter's howse was infected of the Plage; he hath libertie given to him to remove the warde from that Gate to the Iron Gate; where the bridge is in decaye to bestowe resonable reparacions there, whereof he is promised to be allowed, with hope that he will use as good husbandrie as maybe.

A collection for building a church.

A letter to the Bisshopp of Bathe and Wells that where her Majestie graunted licence for a collection to be made towardes the building of the Churche and Hospitall there, and for that the same is not sufficient they desier meanes to have a newe collection, their Lordships do require that the said Bisshop, with thassistaunce of Sir John Clifton, Christofer Kenne and Edward Baber, esquiers, or two of them at the least, whereof himself to be one, to view

thaccompt of the Mayour and citezins of the money collected, and that thereby they may understand by certificat how the same hath ben imploied, and what furder collection shalbe nedefull to be made and the easiest meanes to levie the same.

Lewd words. A letter to the Mayour of Chester, where one Fraunces Edderman hath been comitted close prysoner in the North Gate of the citie, upon lewde wordes supposed to be spoken by him of which he was accused but by one single witnes, such a one as had contencion with him in lawe; it is thought mete in respect of his long imprysonment and humble suite made in his behalf that he shalbe set at libertye upon his owne bande for his good abearing for one whole yere, the which bande he is required to take to her Majesties use, and to give order for his deliveraunce acordinglie.

p. 49. At St. James', the xvth of Julie, 1576.

The Lord Tresourer. Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Bedford.

The wine trade. A letter to the Lord Mayour and Aldermen of the Citie of London touchinge order taken with the merchauntes trading Fraunce for wines, for observing the Statute and Proclamacion set downe for the sale of those wines, and for the retailers and drawers of wine within the Citie, &c., acording to the minute remayninge, &c.

The wants of the Navy. A letter to the Thresourer and rest of her Majesties officers of the Admiraltie that where iij^{m}viij$^{c\,li}$ hath ben delivered unto the said Tresourer for the repayring and finishing of certaine shippes, of which somme there is yet a remaine lefte in the handes of the said Treasourer, although that whole somme was first appoineted to the use aforesaid, yet now it is thought convenient and so are they required that the remained of the said somme may be bestowed upon cordage and saile clothe for supplie of that which is worne, and upon

the repairing of the decaied wharfes and dockes at Portesmowth and Wolwiche, for the which this letter shalbe their warraunt.

The Scottish Borders.

A letter to Sir John Forster, knight, Lord Warden of the Middle Marches, &c., acording to the minute remayninge, &c.

A letter to the Lord Regent of Scotland, &c., acording to the minute remayninge, &c.

The Welsh Court of the Marches.

A letter to Sir Andrew Corbet, knight, Vicepresident of the Marches of Wales, advertising him that there are certaine Orders set downe by their Lordships for the reformacion of abuses in the Coourte of the Marches which are put downe in a boke; it is thought mete before they shalbe ratified by the Quenes hand that it shold be first imparted to the Lord President there, and to have his opinion in the same, and therefore it is sent over into Ireland unto his Lordship, upon the retorne of whose aunswer the same shall procede as cause shall require; and in the meane tyme Mr. Fabian Philippes, who hath been presente at all consultacions about this matter, is now retornid home unto the said Marches, by whom he may more particulerlie understand of the whole proceding in this matter.

A letter to the Lord Deputie of Ireland advertiseng him that upon complaintes made of the disorders growen by gredines of gaine in the Coourte of the Marches of Wales, their Lordships have had sundrye consultacions about the same, and now of late have committed the consideracion thereof to Sir John Throckmerton, knight, Mr. Bromeley and M. Phetiplace, esquiers, adding also unto them, for the more exacte consideracion of the matter, the Master of the Rolles, all which fower have been called before their Lordships, aswell to render their opinions therein as to aunswer any objections that mought be conceaved against any of the Orders ether established or intended to be reformed; and thereupon their Lordships have agreed upon certaine Orders for reformacion of the premisses, and have caused a boke to be drawen thereof, the copie of which they do send unto his Lordship to consider thereupon, and to yeld his opinion p. 50.

therein before Mighelmas Terme, because he is the chief officer in that Coourt; and before they wold preferre the same to be confirmed by her Majestie, his Lordship is desired that if he shall finde any thing mete to be added, altered or taken away, to signifie unto their Lordships with expedicion the reasons and causes that moveth him thereunto; in the considering of which matter his Lordship may be well holpen by the Lord Chauncelour there, to whome he is required to imparte the same as a man of good knowledge and experience in that Coourte of the Marches.

At St. James', the xviijth of Julie, 1576.

The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Removal of a prisoner.

A letter to Justice Manwoode and Justice Jeffrey where one John Cole or Colle, *alias* Giffard, ys prisoner in the gaole of Exon, they be required not to deliver him though he be clere, nor to execute him though he be condempned, to the ende he may be removed by her Majesties writte to Ludlowe, where other prisoners be with whome he hath been a principall offendour, the falt not like to be discovered unles they may be brought face to face.

A private dispute.

A letter to Justice Harper and Justice Mounson, Justices of thassises of the countie of Lancaster, for the executing of justice in the matter in stryfe betwene Jollye and Bradshawe, &c., acording to the minute in the Councell Chest.

Two Clerks of the Council sworn.

This day weare swourne Clarkes of the Counsell Mr. Thomas Wylkes and Mr. Henry Cheke, according to the coppie of their othe remayninge in the Counsell Chest.

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At St. James', the xixth of Julie, 1576.

Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretarie Walsingham.
Mr. Treasourer.	

A letter to Mr. Rone, Mr. Highgate, Mr. Reve, Mr. Hewes and Mr. Chamberlaine, or to iij of them, with a peticion exhibited to the Queen's Majestie in the behalf of certaine pore men complayning to receve wronge by an inclosure made by Sir Thomas Gressham of certein common grounde, parcell of his Parke, the same being by her Majestie referred to their Lordships to be by them hearde and ordered acording to justice, for which purpose choise is made of them, and withall they be required, by conference with both partes or with such as deale for them, to examine and finde out what cause they have to complaine; in which it shalbe mete that they inquere to whom the common hath and doth appertaine, and how from tyme to tyme it hath ben used and occupied by all kinde of persons that have had right therein, and what right belongeth to the Lord, what to the tenant, and what to the cotagier, how and by what right the same is come to the handes of Sir Thomas Gressham, and if by the agreement of suche as be interessed, then to examine who they be that have agreed and who have not, and in what sorte the agrement was made, and if they shall finde her Majesties title to be therein touched they are required to conferre with her lernid Counsell in that behalf; and, further, they thinke it convenient they shold examine what detriment the pore men do receve by the meanes of this inclosure, what cattell they mought kepe afore, and what they may kepe now, and of all these matters to certifie under their handes, with their opinions by what meanes this controversie may be moost reasonably compounded to the satisfaction of all partes. Osterley Park.

A letter to the Marshall of Barwicke in aunswer of his, by which they do understand how complete he hath found the bandes there upon the late musters by him taken, and for aunswer touching debtours deteyned by him by their order for matters due to Sir Valentine Browne, the said Sir Valentine hath ben sent for and spokoned (*sic*) with, who sheweth himself so reasonable so the money may be aunswerid to the satisfaction of her Majestie, to whom the The garrison and supplies at Berwick.

same is put over for provisions to be made by the Victualler appoineted; and if he may take good sureties of the said debters for payment of suche sommes as they do owe, so it be paid by the Feast of Esther or afore to her Majesties use, their Lordships thinke it resonable, and further [he] is aucthorized, after the bandes taken, to set them at libertie.

p. 52. A difficult case of maritime insurance.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles, Justice Southcote, Sir Thomas Gressham, Doctour Hamond, Doctour Forde, Edward Osburne, Alderman George Barne, Thomas Alderzey, Benedict Spinola and Hectour Nonnez, with a peticion exhibited in the behalf of Edmund Hogan, William Gilbert and others concerning matter touching assuraunce, the case so strainge as requireth thadvice and consultacion of suche as be experienced in those kinde of dealinges; vj of them, whereof the Master of the Rolles, Justice Southecote, Doctour Hamond, Doctour Forde, Edward Osburne and Benedict Spinola to be three, are required at some tyme and place by them appoineted to call both parties before them, with such witnesses and proofes as eche can produce, and to here and examine the true state of the matter and to retorne their opinions in writing, under the handes of them or so many of them as shalbe at the hearing of it, by the last of September next cominge; and to give order to George Monox that he forbeare all suites and further prosecution of the said merchauntes and others for the cause of the said assuraunce, untill upon retorne of their opinions some furder order may be taken as may be agreable to equitie and justice.

At St. James', the xxth of Julie, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Dutch pirates.

A letter to Sir William Winter and Mr Beale with iij peticions of certaine merchauntes of London, being spoiled

by Flusshingers, viz.; the Mary Martin, of the burden of one hundred and xl^{ti} tonnes; the Mynion of London, of the burden of one hundred and iiij^{xx} tonnes, laden with wine, &c.; the Mary Fortune of Ipsewich, laden with merchaundizes, which are sent unto them to be considered in their severall kindes, and, by conference with such as be appoineted to attend them for the solliciting of the said causes, to use their uttermost indevour by all meanes they can to procure the redeliverie and restitucion of them; nothing dowbting but the same, with their letters and the importaunce of the causes in respect of the grete losses, shall suffice to move them to do what may be done.

A dispute between foreigners.

A letter to Benedict Spinola and Mr. Vincent Guicciardini to compound such controversies as are lately growen betwene Diogenes Francischini and Alvigi Securro, and if they shall not be able to bring the matter to an ende betwene them to advertise in whom they shall finde the default, that thereupon their Lordships may take such further order as the cause shall require; advertising them also that order is given to the Kepers of the Marshalsie to bring the said Seccuro before them at such time and place as they shall appointe for the hearing of that matter. p. 53.

The tenants of the Dean and Chapter of Durham.

A letter to thearle of Huntington, Lord President of the North, that where he hath been made acquaineted with certen suites and contencions betwene the Deane and Chapter of Duresme and their tenantes about certein customes whereby the said tenantes do claime to holde their tenementes, an Order being now set downe by the Lords of the Counsell in that matter, the copie whereof is sent unto his Lordship with this letter; his Lordship is required at his cominge into that countrey to see the same confirmed and establisshed by the said Deane and Chapter, as well for the ending of that strife as for the furtheraunce of her Majesties service upon the Borders; and if his Lordship shall finde any thing in the said Order that he shall thinke convenient and reasonable either to be added or altered, he is

desired to put the same downe in writing, and not onlye to cause the same to be recorded there by the aucthoritie of that Coourte, but also to send it hither that it may be registred here in the Councell Booke, to be as a testimonye hereafter to brede quietnes when the like matter may cum in question.

At St. James', the xxijth of Julye, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The Dutch in the Narrow Seas.

A letter to Henry Palmer, Admirall of her Majesties shippes of the Narrow Seas, that where complaintes are dailie made by the Queen's Majesties subjectes for spoiles committed upon them at the seas by those of Flusshinge and thereaboutes, it is merveled that such interprises be not impesed (*sic*) by him, and that he lieth at the Downes and kepeth not the trade where the shippes are used to passe to and fro; he is therefore required to loke more carefully unto the charge committed unto him for that purpose, and if he can not conduct the shippes of her Majesties subjectes passing the Narrow Seas to the portes intendid in their voyage, he shall conduct them to sum other portes upon the coastes of this realme, where they may remaine in safetie till furder order may be taken for the better cliring (*sic*) of the seas.

p. 54. At Westminster, the xxiijth of Julye, 1576.

The Lord Tresourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Bedford.	

The Spanish trade.

A letter to the Customer of London that where certaine shippes cominge from Spaine and Barbarye, staied at Flusshing in the company of the Merchauntes Adventurers

that were also staied theare, be now released and are to come to London, he is required and comaunded not to suffer any of the said shippes so released to unlade any of their goodes untill they have entered into bandes before him to abide such order in this case as upon good consideracion of the cause shalbe set downe by their Lordships and signified unto them.

A boy abducted.

A letter to the Buisshops of Lincolne and Peterborough and Sir Henrye Cromwell that where complainte hath been exhibited by William Grey, gentleman, that one Rafe Sherley, his wife's second sonne, hath ben latelie stollen from his custodie where he had placed him by persons evill affected to the presente state of Religion, and, as it is supposed, to seduce him to the contrarye, they are required and auctho-rised to call before them George Shereley, Thomas Cotton, Fraunces Poole and ——— Benbowe, and all such others as there shalbe cause to suspect in this case, and to examine them upon such interrogatories as are sent hereinclosed, that the trouth of the matter may thereby appere; and to take sufficient band of suche as shalbe found giltie or consentinge in the conveying awaye of the said Rafe from the custodie of his tutor for their apparaunces before their Lordships by the first day of Mighelmas Terme; and by that tyme also to informe their Lordshippes what they shall have founde in this matter, that thereupon thoffendours may be delt withall as apperteyneth.

Sir H. Sidney.

A letter to the Lord Deputie of Ireland, acording to the minute in the Councell Chest.

Post horses and a passport.

A placard for Sir Valentine Browne, knight, to take horses for him, his cumpany and cariadges to York, and so backe againe alongest the sea coaste.

A placard for post horses for John Cockeram, servant to the Lord Deputie of Ireland, for himself, one servant and guide to the sea coast, and for shipping there for his transportacion into Ireland, being sent for her Majesties service.

A pasport for Henry Coell, servaunt and agent in this realme to the Conte of Este Friseland, to passe over into the realme to his master and to retorne back againe at any tyme into this realme without any let or interuption, and to see him favorablie used for his money of all thinges that he shall have nede of.

p. 55. At Westminster, the xxixth of Julie, 1576.

The Lord Tresourer.
The Lord Admirall.
The Lord Chamberlaine.
Thearle of Bedford.
Thearle of Leicester.
Mr. Treasourer.
Mr. Secretary.

The Spanish trade. A letter to Mr. Smith to suffer the merchauntes trading Spaine and Barbarie, that were staied with the Merchauntes Adventurers in Flusshing, to lande their wares without bande, saving for their ordinarie custome, notwithstanding their Lordships' former letters to the contrarie.

The Dutch squadron in Torbay. A letter to Sir Arthur Champernone where xiij shippes belonging to them of Flusshing do remaine at Torbay to the grete annoyaunce of her Majesties subjectes and to all others that passe the Narrow Seas, forsomuch as by his owne letters to some of the Lords he semed desirous to understand what shold be donne with them, as though he wold have staied them if their Lordships so liked, it is signified unto him that he shold conferre with such gentlemen and others thereaboutes how the said shippes, or any nomber of them, their captens, governours and masters may be staied without hazard or spoile of bloode to such as shall take it in hande; with advice that he shall not attempt it unlesse it mought well be donne to some purpose of their anoyance and our benefitte, and otherwise to hold it very secrett.

Other foreigners in the West. A placard to all her Majesties officers for the good usage of such straingers as are to repaire to Falmowth for certein their affaires, both in their going and retorninge.

An other placard to give iiij^{or} shippes passage by seas out of Cornewall from Falmowth aforesaid, under the conduct of Jaques Despontine.

Three placartes to all Viceadmirals, Justices of Peax, &c., for their assistaunce of William Holstock, esquier, Comptroller of her Majesties shipps, being sent to the seas as Admirall of her Majesties shippes appoineted to serve at the Narrowe Seas, acording to the Commission and other instructions that the said Mr. Holstock hath for that service, and to see him or any other that he shall send for that purpose and service to be furnished with post horses at all tymes. The command in the Narrow Seas.

Letters to the Justices of Peace of the counties of Essex and Suffolk for their assistaunce of Phelippe Clere, being appointed by Mr. Holstock to levie in those ij counties iij^{c} marriners, viz.; in eche of them cl, and that no corrupcion be used in the doing thereof. Seamen to be impressed.

The like letter to the Justices of Peace of the counties of Kent and Sussex for the assisting of Christofer Androwes, being appointed to levie iij^{c} mariners more in these counties by the Commission of the said Mr. Holstock.

A letter to the Master, Wardens and Company of the Vinteners that where Mr. Basshe, Surveiour of her Majesties Victels for Sea Causes, is appoineted to furnisshe certaine shippes with victels to the sea with all spede possible, for the doing whereof he shall want a grete company of caske, which the said vinteners for their owne privat gaine to (*sic*) hide and purloine from the purveyours of the said Mr. Basshe, and convert them to staving and other purposes; they are hereby required to call before them all their Cumpany and to take order with them to see the said purveyours furnished of such quantitee of caske as is to be had at reasonable prices of late acustomed, and that hereafter no suche practises may be used among them for purloyninge the said caske, but that her Majestie may be furnished thereof. p. 56. The supply of casks.

Dutch ships to be released.

A letter to William Lower, Viceadmirall of Cornewall, for the release of iiij shippes of Flusshing, acording to the minute in the Councell Chest.

A letter to Sir John Arundell, Sir John Killigrew, William Mohun and the Mayour of Peryn touching the same matter.

A levy in London.

A placard for Richard Bingham, gentleman, for the levieng of iij^{c} soldiours in the Citie of London, the suburbes of the same and in the countie of Middlesex, for the furnisheng of her Majesties shippes appoineted to be sent to the seas.

Instructions for Mr. Holstock, Comptroller of her Majesties shippes, being appoineted to be sent to the seas, acording to the minute remayning in Mr. Secretary['s] handes.

Claims against the French.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London that where William Nutshawe of Southampton hath arested and staied, by order out of the Coourte of thadmiraltie, certaine sommes of money in the handes of diverse merchauntes of that Cittie apperteyning by way of assuraunce to some merchauntes of Paris, whereupon the French Embassadour hath informed that there is some dowbt of the abilitee of the assurers, so that by the prolonging of the matter in suspense it may happen neither the said Nutshawe nor the French merchauntes may be aunswered of that which in right may appertaine unto them; his Lordship is therefore required to call before him the said assurers which this bearer shall name unto him, and take order with them that the money dew by them may be deliverid to the said Lord Mayour to be sequestred into the handes of some substaunciall persons, where it may hereafter be forthcominge to be aunswered unto those that in right it shall apperteyne unto by their Lordships' order.

Post horses.

A Commission for post horses for Edward Swynnerton, servant to the Earle of Essex, for himself and his guide from place to place until he shall come to Holy Heade in the countie of Anglesey.

A letter to the officers of the portes of Rie and Chichester to make staie that no bark or shippe be sufferid to passe to the seas, saving only fisshermen, untill further order be taken by their Lordships in that behalf. p. 57. An embargo on shipping.

The like letters are written to thofficers of the portes of London, Harwiche, Ipsewich, Sandwiche and Dover and Yarmowth to the like effecte.

At Westminster, the xxxth of Julye.

The Lord Tresourer. Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Admirall. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord Chamberlaine.

A letter to Owen Holland commaunding him to make his apparaunce before the Lordships upon the receipt hereof, wheresover they shalbe attendant upon her Majesties person, as well to aunswer such former matters as are to be objected against him, as also his contempt in disobeying their Lordships' commaundment in departing without licence. A renewed summons.

A letter to Mr. John Cobham advertising him that he is appoineted to be Capten of one of her Majesties shippes called the Foresight, late under the charge of Mr. Henry Palmer; he is willed to put himself in a redines to take charge of the said shippe by the xth of August, and to make his repaire to Mr. William Holstocke, being now appoineted Admirall of such her Majesties shippes as are appointed to be sent to the seas, aswell to receve instructions from him of the tyme and place of their metinges as of any other thinges that shalbe thought fitte for her Majesties service, &c. Appointments to ships.

The like letter to Mr. George Beston, being appointed Capten of her Majesties shippe called the Dreadnaught.

An other letter also of the same effect to Mr. Nicholas Gorge, Capten of the shippe called the Swiftesuer.

The Goldsmiths' Company.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of the Citie of London with a peticion inclosed exhibited by certaine goldsmithes of London against their Wardens of that occupacion; he is required with the assistaunce of some of his bretherne, Mr. Recorder and some others skilfull in those causes, to call all the parties before them and duelie to consider of the matter, and thereupon to make some ende betwene them that may be agreable to justice with all uprightnes and without any parcialitee to either partie; and if his Lordship cannot bring them to agrement, then to advertise in whom the default is that further order may be taken as the cause shall require.

p. 58. An Irish debtor and his agent.

A letter to Mr. Alderman Kimpton, John Willington, Henry Langly, William Williers, Thomas Silvester, Roger Farthing, William Hudson, Nicholas Hill and Mr. Albany of London, Edward Burrowes, Robert Letherborowe of Coventrye and Bromeley of Chester, that they shall forbeare to molest or trouble John Cusack, late factour to Henry Cusacke of Dublin, merchaunt, for any matters or debttes due unto them by him as factour to the said Henry Cusack, but that they suffer him peaceablie to passe in his voyage homewardes, and the rather for that he goeth to procure satisfaction of the said Henry Cusack, &c.

The wine trade.

A letter to the Master and Wardens of the Vinteners in London that where her Majestie hath graunted unto them, by her Letters Patentes, licence to sell wines by retaile without limitacion of prices, and the use whereof they have without reason dubled the prices of wines that they were before, and thereby given her Majestie good occasion utterly to revoke her graunte made unto them; now, for the reformacion thereof the said Wardens and Masters of that Cumpanye are willed furthewith to make their repaier to the Master of the Rolles, and to enter into bandes before him in the somme of _____ to her Majesties use, the said bandes to be signed by them and sealed with the seale of their Corporacion, that they nor none of their Cumpanye hereafter shall sell any wines above the rates appointed, and to be appoineted by her Majesties

Proclamacion; and, after their bandes so taken, that then they shall call all the rest of their Cumpanye before them, and to take particuler bandes of them for their indempnitie and for the performinge of the same order.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles to take bandes of the said Vinteners, acording to the order prescribed in the Vinteners' letter, the copie whereof is sent unto him hereinclosed for his better instruction therein; and that he have good consideracion to drawe the condicion of their bande so as the abuse may be met withall and punished, and yet none to incurre the dainger of the forfeicture but such only as shall offend contrarie to the Proclamacion and their bandes taken to performe the same.

The registration of marine insurance policies.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London in the behalf of Mr. Candeler, that where his Lordship and others appoineted for the rating of the registring of assuraunces have nowe made an order and rate thereof, and that certaine evill disposed persons do refuse to bring their assuraunces to be registred, so as the said Mr. Candeler cannot thereby receve the commoditie of his office acording to her Majesties graunt; he is therefore required that the writing wherein the said rates be by him and the rest set downe may be published at some Exchange tyme, when the merchauntes shalbe moost gathered toguither, to thend they may not after the hearing thereof excuse them selfes of ignoraunce, nor the officer exact more then his duetie for the doing thereof; and that the bokes of orders of assuraunce which his Lordship hath so often times ben written unto for may be finished with expedicion and brought unto their Lordships to be confirmed, for the better avoiding of such suites as they be dailie troubled with for want thereof; and if any person shall hereafter disobey the observing of any pointe of her Majesties graunte made to the said Mr. Candeler, that his Lordship take order with every such as shall appertaine.

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An Admiral superseded.

A letter to Henry Palmer, Admirall of her Majesties shippes presentlie at the Narrowe Seas, advertising him that her

Majestie is pleasid in respect of his businesse otherwaies to discharge him of that charge, and that Mr. John Cobham is appoineted to take the charge of that shippe called the Foresight about the xth of the next monithe; and that he shold signifie to William Biston, Capten of the Handmaide, and John Thomas, Capten of the Achates, that they are appoineted with Mr. Cobham to attend upon Mr. William Holstock, Admirall of the Fleete that is now set forth the said xth of August, and to followe the advice and leading of him acording to such instructions as he shall give them; and in the meane season the said Mr. Palmer with those shippes under his charge are willed to repaire to the Narrowe Seas for the safe wafting and conducting home of two Englishe shippes cominge from Spaine, and against the said xth of August to retorne backe to the Landes Ende, and there to deliver up his charge to Mr. Holstock and to departe at his pleasure.

At Havering at the Bower, the first of August, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer. Mr. Tresourer.
The Lord Admirall. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord Chamberlaine.

Two letters. A letter to the Justices of thassises in the countie of Salop and the Vicepresident of the Marches of Wales touching the matter in controversie betwene Mr. Levison, Sherif of the countie of Salop, and William Lee, clerck, parson of Egemond, &c., acording to the minute remayninge, &c.

A letter to Mr. Egerton, Deputie Governour of the Merchauntes Adventurers, and to the rest of the Company of the said Merchauntes, &c., acording to the minute remayning, &c.

p. 60. At Havering of (*sic*) the Bower, the second of August, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer. Therle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall. Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to William Wightman, Thomas Higate, Thomas Hewes and Christofer Rithe, Justices of the Peace in the countie of Middlesex, or any two of them, that where one Edmunde Smith of Rislippe hath intertained one Edward Benett, a lewde fellowe, and divers others to assalt Mr. Asshebie, and a warraunt of the Peace directed against the said Smith, he did not only withstand the same but gave very contemptuous speche against the aucthoritie of the Justice, and misused the cunstable in woordes; they be required to call the said Smith before [them,] and to charge him to bring the said Benet with him, and to examine the matter, binding Smith and his servantes to kepe the peace against Mr. Assheby and his servantes; and also if the said Benet shalbe founde so lewde a fellowe as is declared, to take order with him for his good behaviour hereafter acording to the lawes of the realme in that case provided. A charge of assault.

A letter to Mr. Bowes, Threasurer of Barwick, that where Sir Robert Cunstable, Mershall there, hath susteined grete charges since the tyme of his coming to that office by reason of the not resiaunce of the Governour and Threasurer there till now of late, the said Threasurer for that consideracion is willed not to defalke upon this present paie of the said Sir Robert Cunstable the whole somme of cc^{li} heretofore imprested unto him, but to take some parte thereof nowe, and so from tyme to tyme by reasonable porcions hereafter upon his other paies as they shall growe dewe, and as he shalbe able to beare it, unto which order the Lord Threasurer is now also contented to yelde and allowe of, although he had heretofore given order to the contrarie, so that her Majestie may in tyme be duely aunswered and the gentleman by this meanes sumwhat eased. Berwick accounts.

A letter to Sir Robert Cunstable, Marshall of Barwick, advertising him that order is taken acording to his owne request that the Threasurer there shall forbeare to defalk of his intertainement due at this paie that whole somme of cc^{li} imprested unto him, but shall take some of it now and parte from tyme to tyme hereafter upon suche paies as shall

growe due unto him; in the ordering whereof it is not dowbtid but they two, being both reasonable gentlemen, will take such order as her Majestie may be duelie aunswered and himself reasonablie eased to his contentacion.

p. 61. At Havering of the Bower, the iij^de^ of August, 1576.

Thapparaunces as before, wanting Mr. Treasourer.

A tenant's complaint. A letter to Sir Thomas Lucie, knight, Thomas Smith and John Hickford, esquiers, to take upon them the hearing of a matter in controversye betwene Lodowick Grevell and William Milner, one of the free tenantes of the mannour of Welford, the complaint whereof exhibited by Milner is sent hereinclosed; they are required to make some ende betwene them by both their consentes and to advertise in whom they shall finde [fault,] with their opinions of the state of the matter, that thereupon their Lordships may procede further as the cause shall require, in case the same shall be eftesones pursued before their Lordships.

The wine trade. A letter to the Master of the Rolles for taking order aswell with the Wardens of the Company of the Vinteners within London as with the retailers, viz.; the retailers to be bound, every of them, in the somme of a c^li^ to her Majesties use for the observacion of her Majesties Proclamacion for the prices of wines to be sold by retaile, and the Wardens themselfes to be bounde in some convenient somme to her Majesties use to disfranchise all such of their Cumpanye as they shall hereafter knowe to sell above the prices rated by her Majesties Proclamacion, by which meanes the said Wardens shall be provoked to looke more diligently to their charge, and the retailers to be the more terrified to offend against the said Proclamacion.

A summons. A letter to William Henshawe commaunding him to appere personallie before their Lordships, wheresoever they shall be attendaunt upon her Majesties person, to aunswer such thinges as shalbe declared unto him at his cominge.

At Havering of the Bower, the vth of August, 1576.

Thapparaunces as before.

A letter to William Grey, gentleman, willing him to make his repaire before their Lordships with all convenient spede for such causes as shold be declared unto him at his cominge. A summons.

At Havering of the Bower, the vjth of August, 1576. p. 62.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Therle of Bedford.	

A pasport for George Dowglas, a gentleman of Scotland, to passe from hence to the sea coast and so into Fraunce, with his servantes, bagges and baggages, without any let, stay or interruption. A passport.

A letter to the Threasurer of Barwick that where in his letters of the xxvjth of the last to Mr. Secretary he desired licence for some reasonable tyme to go into Yorkeshire for settling of his thinges there and bringing his [stuff] to Berwick, he is by thiese letters given tunderstand given tunderstand (*sic*) that he may go thither for the purpose aforesaid, so that he make his retorne back againe within xv or xvj daies. Leave of absence.

A letter to Mr. Holstock, appoinetid Admirall of her Majesties shippes to be sent presently to the seas, that where in his late instructions sent unto him for her Majesties service to be donne at the seas, he was but only aucthorised to apprehend but those xiij shippes of Flusshing which lay about Torbaye and other places spoiling upon this coast, and such others as shold offer any resistaunce or force against him or his cumpanye, he is now by thiese letters aucthorised to apprehend and take so many of the said Flusshinge shippes and of the portes about Holland and Zeland as he can mete withall, and the same to bring into some port of this realme, and to take such order with the Active measures against the Dutch.

captens, masters and officers of those shippes, and with their furnitures, &c., as he is appointed to do by his former instructions.

Letter of thanks.

A letter to Rowland Higate in comendacion of his diligenee and discrecion for meting with such evill disposed persons as were disposed to make some sturre and rebellion to the disturbaunce of the State; they give unto him, in her Majesties behalf and their owne, hartie thanckes, and for his farther aunswer in that matter he is referred to receve the same of Sir William Walgrave, with whom both he and some others are written unto for their further direction in that matter, aswell to boult owt the trouthe thereof as to represse all inconveniences that may ensue afterwardes.

A disturbance prevented.

A letter to Sir William Walgrave, knight, Sir Thomas Lucas, Henrye Goldinge and Rowland Hiegate, that where their Lordships have ben informed by letters from Mr. Hiegate, and by certaine examinacions taken by them, of the wicked disposicion of certen lewde persons to move some rebellion in those partes, they are required [to sift] the same to the bottome, and to cause all persons touched to be apprehendid and examined upon such interrogatories as they shall thinck meete, to knowe upon what occasion the same shold be moved, what have been donne, and who shold have been the principall doers thereof; and such as shalbe touched to cause them to be apprehendid and used as in justice the qualitie of their faltes shall deserve, and to advertise of their doinges in that behalf.

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Letters for the French King.

A letter to the Mayour and officers of Dover to suffer the French Kinges pacquettes to passe, notwithstanding any restrainte made for any shippes to passe to the seas.

At Hallingbury Morley, the xijth of August, 1576.

The Lord Admirall.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Letters to the Commissioners against the Transportacion of Graine and Victuels, &c., in the counties of Suffolk, Norffolk, Essex, Sowthampton, Kent and Sussex, for taking order that no victuels be transported out of this realme into the Lowe Countreis, &c. The Restraint of Victuals.

A letter to Mr. Gunson that where he hath recevid certaine sommes of money in prest for the prest charges and conduct money of ij^{m}j^{c} men to serve at the seas, parte of which money was appointed for cote money for the soldiours, which is not imploied acordingly, but is thought mete and more convenient that it shold be imployed to the buyeng of weapons for such soldiours as shold want them; he is required to deliver the said money appointed for cote money to Mr. Holstock, which he, by the advice of Mr. Bingham, shall bestowe on weapons for the better furnishing of them that shall want, and this letter to be his warraunt therefore. The purchase of arms.

A letter to Mr. Holstock that where by his former instructions he is appointed, after he hath wafted the merchantes' shippes, to make his repaier to the West against those shippes in Torbaye, he is now directed, after he hath put the said merchauntes' shippes in safetie, to retorne to the Downes and there to remaine, and not to go Westwardes untill he shall receve furder direction for that purpose. Instructions to the Admiral.

A letter to the Ministers and Elders of the Duche Church, acording to the minute in Mr. Secretaries handes. The Dutch Church in London.

At Hallingbury Morley, the xiiijth of August, 1576. p. 64.

Thapparaunces as before.

A Commission for the taking of a carte for thearle of Bedford for the conveying of his stuffe from place to place till it be brought to his howse at Garadine in the countye of Lincolne. The Earl of Bedford.

At Stanstede, the xvth of August, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.	

A French ship detained.

A letter to Robert Gregorie of Weymowth for taking order with John Ryon, a Frenchman, about a shippe with her furniture and goodes, supposed by the said Ryon to be brought out of Lantreger and not of Brest nor Conquest, which, if it be so, then that the said shippe may be deliverid out of the handes of the said Gregory to the said Ryon.

At Stanstede, the xvjth of August, 1576.

Thapparaunces as before, adding the Lord Chamberlaine and Sir Raphe Sadler.

Precautions for the defence of traders.

A letter to Mr. Grey, Sercher of the Porte of London, that where heretofore it was ordered that no shipp shold be sufferid to passe to the seas saving onely fyshermen, it is thought convenient that the said restraint shall cease, and that it shalbe lawfull for all men to passe to the seas as aforetyme, saving those of Holland and Zeland, of whom and of all those that be now presente and shall come or hereafter hither to be brought, he is willed to make staie till he have furder direction in that behalf; and furder to give warninge to all her Majesties subjectes that minde to passe to the seas that they go well furnished and accompanied, or at lest to be safelye conducted by her Majesties shippes presentlye at the seas; and where certaine merchauntes of London, trading Spaine and Barbarie, have pre-
p. 65. pared shippes to passe thither with merchaundizes, unto whom order is given that they shall go well manned and furnished for their defence, and the same to be viewed and overseene by Sir William Winter, Mr. Pelham and other

officers of thadmiraltie before they be suffred to passe, he is required not to suffer any of them to passe till they bring certificat that Mr. Winter and Mr. Pelham have allowed of them as is appointed.

A letter to Sir William Winter, Mr. Pelham, Benjamin Gunson and George Winter for taking order for those merchauntes' shippes of London that trade Spaine and Barbarie, and are now to be sent thither with merchaundize, that they be sufficiently manned and furnished as apperteyneth, &c., acording to the minute remayninge, &c.

Letters to the officers of the portes in the counties of Essex, Suffolk, Norffolk, Southampton, Kent and Sussex for opening of the portes againe that were restrained, acording to the minute in the Councell Chest. The embargo removed.

A letter to Mr. Holstock, esquire, Admirall of her Majesties shippes presentlie imploied upon the Narrow Seas, touching his direction, what coourse he shall holde for the better defence of the shippes of such her Majesties subjectes as are now cominge from Danske, &c., acording to the minute, &c. The Narrow Sea.

A letter to Mr. Justice Manwoode and Mr. Jeffreis, Justices of the Assises in the counties (*sic*) of Devon, that where heretofore they were required to take order that one Robert Coll, prisoner in the gaole of Excester, shold not be put to execucion incase he were condempned for any fault laid to his charge, but that he might be first sent to the Marches of Wales to be examined there for a robberie that was committed there, whereof he was supposed to be giltie, and that by his meanes it might by examinacion be brought to light; since which tyme also it is given tunderstand that ij other prisoners in the said gaole of Excester, thone named William Martin, thother Frauncis Manning, were accessaries also to the said robbery, they are required to take order that they may be all three conveyed to Ludlowe by the aucthoritie of this letter, if the same shalbe thought unto them a sufficient warraunt for the doing thereof in all respectes, orels that Robbery in Wales.

they do direct him that shall followe the suite how they may be removed by her Majesties writte; and for the better and more suer doing thereof there are letters of assistaunce graunted out to the Sheriffes of the counties betwene that and Ludlowe, to see them safely conveyed from countie to countie till they shalbe brought to Ludlow.

p. 66. An open letter to all Sheriffes from and betwixt the counties of Devon and the countie of Glocester, for the safe conducting and conveying of Rowland Coll, William Marten, and Fraunces Manninge, prisoners in the gaole of Exon, from countie to countie till they shalbe brought to the custodie of the Sherif of the countie of Glocester, and he to convey them to such other places as he shalbe further directed by the Vicepresident and Counsell in the Marches of Wales, to be delt withall as to them as to them (*sic*) shalbe thought good.

The Goldsmiths' Company. A letter to the Master of the Rolles that wheare heretofore a matter in controversie betwene the goldsmithes' workers of the Citie of London and the Wardens of the same Company was committed to the ordering of the Lord Mayour, who hath as yet certified nothing therein; since which tyme a nother complainte is exhibited in the behalf of William Sutton, one of the Company of the said workers, against the said Wardens, declaring that he is wrongfully imprisoned by them, and prayeth that it may be examined; and some other of that Cumpanye do alleadge that the said Wardens wold presse them to enter into bandes which may be stretched to binde them to aunswer for their servantes' true dealing after they shalbe out of their service, and for any thing that they shall do in their service without their knowledge or appointement, a matter neither required by Statute nor appoineted by the Lord Mayour; he is required to informe him self, as well of the Lord Mayour as otherwaies, how this matter hath passed, and to put to his helping hand, with the helpe of the said Lord Mayour and others, to bring the same to an ende, having

regard to thinlargement of Sutton so farre forth as his cawse in justice shall require.

An open letter in the behalf of Mr. Edward Dier, acording to the minute in the Councell Chest.

Instructions to the Admiral in the Narrow Seas.

A letter to Mr. Holstock in aunswer of his of the xiiijth of this presente, wherein besides the causes alleadged in the former letter for the staie of the fleete of the Merchauntes Adventurers, he is given to witte that their staie is till the viijth of the next moneth, for the aptnes of the fludde that then will best serve their turne.

The instruction is expounded that he shall apprehend none but malefactours, and forbeare the merchauntes; he is willed to bestowe such prisoners as he bringeth in that be more in nomber then may well be placed in the porte towne to the Sheriffes of the counties where they shall arrive, for which purpose there is an open placard sent unto him to require the assistaunce of the said Sheriffes, the prisoners to be found of their owne victells and goodes, and that he certifie the value of the inventaries.

A placard to the Sherif of the countie of Kent and other shieres upon the sea coast to the purpose aforesaid.

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Troubles in Essex.

A letter to therle of Huntington, Lord President of the North, with a copie of an examinacion taken touching a disposicion in certaine lewde persons in Essex and in partes thereaboutes to move a rebellion; and forsomuch as some were touched by the said examinacions that do inhabite within the jurisdiction of his office, he is required to cause them to be apprehendid and examined upon such interrogatories as he shall thinke mete to trye out the truthe, and acording as matter shall fall out against them or any others to take order for thier forthcominge to be aunswerable to justice, and to advertise what he shall have donne, to thende their Lordships may thereupon proceade with thothers that be imprisoned for the said cryme as the cause shall requier.

At Stanstede, the xviijth of August, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.	

The troubles in Essex.

A letter to Sir Thomas Lucas, Sir William Walgrave, Henry Golding, and Rowland Hyegate, advertiseng them of the receipt of their letter of the xjth of this presente with certen examinacions taken by them by vertue of their Lordships' letters written to them for that purpose; and whereas it appereth that Newton and Petloe do hold themselfes silent and will not be brought to confesse the trouthe, it is thought mete that they shalbe sent to the Tower of London, and if upon the threateninge of them to be sent up they shall not by that meanes confesse any thinge, then to be delivered over to the Sherif of Essex and by him to be safelye conveyed and delivered into the Tower. Letters are written to the said Sherif to receive and deliver them acordinglye.

And whereas one Rowland Riccard, the milner, is reported to be a very lewde felow, they are required to take the straiter examinacion of him, and finding the reporte to be true, to committe him to prison untill a furder triall may be made of the substaunce of all those matters, &c.

A letter to the Sherif of Essex to receive into his custodie Newton and Petloe, if Sir Thomas Lucas and the rest shall deliver them unto him, and to see them safely brought and delivered to the Lieutenant of the Tower, and that they may not be suffered to have conference toguither nor with any other person, and to give knowledge unto the said Lieutenant that they may be so used when they be in his custodie; and shewing this letter unto the said Lieutenante it shall be a sufficient warraunt for him to receive them into his custodie.

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Fish from Holland.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London with a peticion inclosed of Peter Menton, William Harper and Cornelis

Lawrence, shippers of the towne of Egmont in Holland, pretending to bring in fisshe and other necessaries into the realme; the said Lord Mayour is required, with the assistaunce of some of his brethern and such as be of the best knowledge in those matters, substancially to consider of the matters, and if they shall finde the continuance of that trade to be nedefull and profitable to this realme, then to give order to the Searcher of London to suffer them to departe, notwithstanding any restraint to the contrarye, forseing, nevertheles, that under this pretence they be not suffered to transport any victels, munician, ordenance, nor any other thinge or kinde of forbidden wares, &c.

Cowardly seamen.

A letter to Sir William Winter, Mr. Pelham, Benjamin Gounson and George Winter that where certaine merchauntes of London, that have been lately taken with the Flusshingers, have made complainte against the marriners that they have retained in their shippes that the said mariners have rather yelded themselves upon some traiterous compacte, then forced thereunto by the stronger power of the enemye, a matter very evill taken by her Majestie as that that bredeth a very infamous sclaunder to this realme that hath alwaies ben accompted to excell other nacions; they are therefore required and willed amongest other their dealinges to call before them suche nombers of the said marriners as shalbe thought mete, and to admonishe them in those cases, and to tell them in plaine termes that incase there shalbe at any tyme hereafter any such falt founde in any of them, her Majestie doth earnestly intend that the lawe shall procede against them as traitours to the State and their countrey, and if there mought be found out any by their inquerie that have alredy used suche partes, to cause them to be apprehendid and to make them some example of terrour to the rest.

Trade with Flanders.

A letter to Mr. Grey, the Searcher of London, that whereas before (*sic*) the shippes of the Merchauntes Adventurers laden with wolle and cloth, it is informed that there were

xx^ti saile more ready within the Porte of London laden with Spanishe wares for Flaunders which upon the release of the restrainte ment to departe, notwithstanding admonicion to the contrarie; albeit that they shewed in that pointe to be more gredy of gaine then they weare of their safetie, yet was it not thought mete for the honour of the realme that they shold so cast themselves into their handes where they might be spoiled, and therefore he, as Searcher, is required to suffer none laden for Flaunders to passe untill they shold either go in good streingthe or under the conducte of her Majesties shippes presently at the seas.

p. 69. At Stanstede, the xix^th of August, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer. Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord Chamberlaine.

A charge of bribery.

A letter to the Vicepresident and Counsell in the Marches of Wales that where a complaint hath ben made before their Lordships by the letters of the Lord Shandos in the behalf of George Sandeford, being imprisoned with them upon the complainte of one Tasker made against him for matters of briberye, as by the said letter remayninge in the Counsell Chest it may appeare; they are required, for justice' sake, either by vertue of their Generall Commission, or by the choice of iij or iiij indifferent persons, to cause the same matter in all pointes to be examined, aswell upon the first informacion made against Sandforde as of the proofes that weare produced upon the triall of the accion of the case, and that they do appointe some fitte tyme and place for the doing thereof, and that the parties of eche sides may have intelligence thereof, to thend they may bringe such witnesses and proofes on both sides as shalbe nedeful; and for that Sandford hath ben a long tyme imprisoned, it is thought convenient that he shold be

now bailed upon sureties and set at libertie, if by lawe he may so be and that no great contempt of his hath deserved the contrary; and to advertise of their doinges herein, spetiallye of the greatnes of the fine sessed upon Sandford.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London touchinge certaine straingers, &c., acording to the minute in the Councell Chest. Strangers in London.

A letter to the Lord Cobham that wheare diverse Flusshingers being lately brought in and committed to prison, some to Dover, some to Sandwiche, whose charges in susteyning them wilbe more chargeable then those two townes wilbe able to beare, he is required to send some of the said prisoners to the gaole of Caunterburie, and to take some order that the straingers resident in Sandwiche, Caunterburye and Maidestone, and in other places within his Lordship's charge, may be contributaries towardes the relief of the said prisoners till furder order be taken with them. Dutch prisoners and their maintenance.

At Hartford Castell, the xixth of August, 1576. p. 70.

Thapparaunces as before.

A letter to Mr. Holstock, Admirall of her Majesties shippes presentlie at the seas, &c., acording to the minute in the Councell Chest drawen by the Lord Treasourer. The Narrow Seas.

A letter to the Mayour and chief officers of the towne of Yarmowth to cause Mr. Holstockes letter to be sent unto him with all spede.

A letter to the Lord Cobham touching the Flusshingers taken prisoners by Mr. Holstock, and by him sent, some to Dover Castell and some to Sandwiche, wherein he is required to take paines and order, not onlye for the removing of them to some other place, but also some relief for them, &c., acording, &c. Action against the Dutch.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London for stayeng of the persons and goodes of the merchauntes of Holland and Zeland, &c., acording to the minute remayninge, &c.

At Hartford Castell, the xxjth of August, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer. Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Admirall. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.

Sir Christopher Hatton and Branksea Castle.

A letter to Christofer Farewell, William Bedlecome and other of the towne of Poole that where they had the kepinge of the Castell of Brancksey but during the plesure of the Prince, and that nowe her Majestie hath graunted the same by Patent to Mr. Hatton, whereby her plesure is fully determined towardes them; they are required to deliver into the handes of Mr. Hatton, or such as he shall appointe for that purpose, the said Castle with all ordinance, munition, &c., to the same apperteyninge which was of her Majesties, the same to be deliverid and recevid by indenture, and a note thereof sent hither under the handes of such as shall receve them, to remaine in the Office of thordinance as it ought to be.

The wine trade.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles for the taking of obligacions of retailours being not of the Company of Vinteners, &c., acording to the minute remayninge, &c.

Lewd words.

A letter to Sir William Walgrave, Sir Thomas Lucas, knightes, Henrye Golding and John Tornour, esquiers, for thexamininge of a Dutche man touchinge lewde wordes by him used against the Earle of Oxford, &c., acording to the minute, &c.

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At Hartforde Castell, the xxijth of August, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer. Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Warwick.

A warraunt to the Treasourer and Chamberlaines of thex-chequier for the payment of xxix^{li} to William Davison, lately imployed in her Majesties service in the Lowe Countreis, allowed unto him for certaine extraordinarie charges more then the Privey Seale of diettes and posting charges did amount unto. A Diplomatic Agent.

A letter to Mr. Biston, Capten of the Dreadnaught, appointed by Mr. Holstock with the said shippe and the Achates to take the gard of the passage of the Narrowe Seas, whiles he applieth towardes the North in other service, the Merchauntes Adventurers desireng to be wafted into Flaunders with some spede before the coming of the winter, they be referred to their choise to adventure under the charge of Biston, or to tary the cominge of Mr. Holstock with the Fleete, and therefore he is required therein to folowe their advice and direction, and to assiste them by all good meanes that he can. Convoy in the Narrow Seas.

A letter to Sir James Hawes and others the merchauntes trading Spaine for thaccompanying of the wolle fleete towardes the coast of Flaunders, to see them safe wafted to Dunkerk.

A letter to Sir William Winter, Mr. Pelham, Mr. Gunson and Mr. George Winter, or to any two of them, to call before them the owners of such shippes as are prepared towardes Spaine and Barbarie, and to set some order for the overplus of the charges in respect of their accompagning of the Merchauntes Adventurers so farre as they might be saflie put in at Dunkerk, whereunto they be appointed, by their Lordships owne direction to be signified to them by Mr. Winter and the rest.

A pasport for Mounsieur de Villiers to passe into Zeland about his necessarie affaires. A passport.

A letter unto the Searcher to suffer a shippe, named the _____, to passe with Mounsieur de Villiers, notwithstanding any restrainte, exception or commaundment to the contrarie.

p. 72. At Hartford Castell, the xxvjth of August, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.	Sir Rafe Sadler.

Action against the Dutch.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London with a peticion of the Merchaunt Straingers of Holland and Zeland, wherein they complaine of more harder dealing used against them in the arrest then was apointed by their Lordships' letters, and therefore he is required to certifie what hath been donne, what their names be that be bounde, and what they be in substaunce and who be sureties for them; and as her Majesties meaninge is and theffect of their Lordships' former letters was onlye to provide the securitie and indempnitie of her subjects on thother side, so is it wisshed that no more extremitie shold be used towardes them then to that effect apperteyneth.

A passport.

A passport for Captaine Despontine, with his servantes and iiij other gentilmen of his cumpanye, to passe quietly to the sea coast and so over into the Lowe Countreis to the Prince of Orenge, and to be favorablie used for their money of all thinges they shall have nede of.

A new Ambassador in France.

A Commission for Sir Amyas Powlet, knight, appointed to be her Majesties Embassador resident in Fraunce, to take up such cartes and cartehorses for the cariadge of his stuffe, and such horses for cariadges and hackney horses as he shold nede for himself and his traine from place to place to the sea coast, and there lickewise to be furnished of good and convenient shipping for the transportacion of himself, his companye, horses, and all other thinges els as apperteyneth to his voyadge.

Convoy in the Channel.

A letter to George Biston, Capten of her Majesties shippe presently at the seas called the Dreadnaught, advertising him that where Sir Amyas Pawlett is appoineted to make his repaire presently into Fraunce as her Majesties Embassadour there, he is willed, upon knowledge to be given unto

him by the said Sir Amias of the tyme of his passadge, to give his attendaunce with those shippes lefte in his charge by Mr. Holstocke to mete with him in such place as betwene them both shalbe appoineted, and from thence to accompany and safely to conducte him over the seas unto such port on the other side as shalbe thought most commodious for him; and after he had so donne to retorne againe and to attend his charge appointed by his former instructions.

At Hartford Castle, the xxviijth of August, 1576. p. 73.

Thapparaunces as before.

A letter to the Lord Admirall to give order for thappointing of two of the Queen's shippes for the safe conducting of the Merchauntes Adventurers to Hamborough, &c., acording to the minute remayning, &c. Convoy to Hamburg.

A letter to the Commissioners of Kent to make inquerie whither aboutes Crambrock by the late erection of certaine iron milles there be any such dearth of woode as by complainte from the inhabitauntes is declared. Iron mills in Kent, Sussex and Surrey.

Letters directed to certaine gentlemen in the counties of Kent, Sussex and Surrey touching yron ordenance and iron mylles, &c., acording to the minute in the Councell Chest.

At Northe Hall, the xxxth of August, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Warwick.	

A letter to the Mayour and other chief officers of the towne of Yarmowth that where one Phipson, being one of the prisoners taken at the seas by Mr. Holstock and being sent to remaine prisoner in that towne, whom their Lordships for certaine causes are to examine, the said Mayour is willed to send up the said Phipson safelie in the A prisoner to be sent up.

cumpanye of this bearer, one of her Majesties messingers, who is instructed how he shalbe used in the bringing of him up.

The Admiralty Court in the West.

A letter to William Lower, Viceadmirall of Cornewall, that forasmuch as he hath not made deliverie of the iiij shippes of Flusshing staied at Falmowth acording to their Lordships former letters, and that a grete parte of the said goodes belonging to the said shippes conteyned in the very inventories taken in his owne office is not forthcoming as it ought to be, he is therefore commaundid to make his repaier before their Lordships by the ——— next cominge.

A letter to Sir John Arundell, Sir John Killigrew, knightes, and William Mohune, esquier, giving them thanckes for their paines taking about the iiij shippes of
p. 74. Flusshinge that shold have ben delivered to Capten Despontine, but forsomuch as the said shippes be not yet deliverid as was appoineted, but do remaine spoiled and decaied, and the goodes that were in them conteyned in the inventories of the office of thadmiraltie there are not forthcominge, they are eftesones required, as those that are best acquaineted with that matter, to take some paines therein, to the ende that the said shippes and goodes may be deliverid in sort as they ought to be, or that it may be certeinely knowen where every parte of those goodes remayneth that shalbe found wantinge. They are required, havinge a copie sent unto them of the inventarie taken in thoffice of thadmiraltie there, to make choise of some trustie persons to make view of the said goodes and every parte thereof, and to set downe a perfect note in writing what there remayneth and what is lacking, the which note so certified unto them by those persons of creditt, they are required to retorne the same under their owne handes as a matter that maye thereby be certeinlye knowen to be true, that when the Viceadmirall shall appere before their Lordships they may be able to deale with him upon a certeintie and to take order with him accordinglie, and that the same may be donne with expedicion.

Religious difficulties in Hereford.

A letter to the Mayour of Hereford, the Steward or his Deputies there, John Scudamore, James Warmecombe, and James Boile, esquiers, that whereas upon letters written by them to the Comptroller of her Majesties Howsehold that there appereth some preparacion or rather a faction amongest some of them of that towne to make choyse of such a one to be Mayour there at Mighelmas next that is lickelie to make some innovacion in the orders and liberties of that citie, and to be a hinderer of the godlye proceding of the presente state of Religion established in this realme; they are required as members of the said citie to have a speciall care in the said election, that none be chosen to be Mayour there but such a one as wilbe contented to accept the othe appointed by the lawes of this realme to be taken by such as be appointed to publique offices, and such a one as is well knowen to be a favorer of the Religion now established; and where there shalbe any founde within that citie that for their obstinacie in Religion have ben heretofore bounde to their good abearing by the Commissioners in that case appoineted, and that the tyme of their bandes being expired they shewe no better conformitee then aforetyme, it is thought mete that informacion thereof shold be given to the same Commissioners, to thend they may be eftesones bounde and so remayne untill they shall shewe some testimonie of their amendment; and if there shalbe any that shall refuse to cume to the church in tyme of sermons and Commen Prayers, they shall take bandes of them to her Majesties use to make their apparaunce before their Lordships the first day of Mighelmas Terme next, to be then farther delt withall as their cause shall require.

At St. Albones, the last of August, 1576. p. 75.

The Lord Keper.
The Lord Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.
The Lord Chamberlaine.
Thearle of Leicester.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The Narrow Seas. A letter to Mr. Holstock, Admirall of her Majesties shippes at the Narrowe Seas, &c., acording to the minute remayninge, &c.

Lord Essex in Ireland. A Commission for post horses for George Allen, servant to the Earle of Essex, for him self and one servant and guide to Bristowe, and to be there provided of shipping for his transportacion into Ireland to his said Lord, and of such provisions as he shall carye with him at prices acustomed.

At St. Albones, the first of September, 1576.

Thapparaunces as before.

The squadron in the Narrow Seas. A letter to Mr. Holstock, Admirall of her Majesties shippes at the seas, that albeit by their Lordships' letters, dated yesterday, he was appointed to remaine at the seas in the Lyon untill he had conducted the fleete prepared for Flaunders to Dunkerk, yet in respect of his helth and the decaye of that shippe and for that the shippes that are appoineted to repaire to the East shold want no victuells, he is appoineted to come home with the Lyon and to deliver so much victells as he hath to spare to the said two shippes that go Eastward, and to appointe Biston to the chief charge of them, and the rest of the shippes to the charge of Nicholas Gorge, and that the shippes goinge to the East may retorne by the xvth of September to be revictualled, and to leave order with Gorge that upon notice given to him that the said victels be in a redines that he appointe some barke to bringe the same safelie aboorde.

p. 76. At Windesor, the vth of September, 1576.

The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Arundell.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.	

A letter to the Buisshop of Chichester to remitte the faulte committed against him by Thomas Hilles, touching the making of a libell or eglogue against him, &c. A bishop libelled.

A letter to the Bailiffes of Colchester for the sending up of one Benjamine Clere to appere before their Lordships for thaunsweringe of his misdemeanure towardes the Lord Darcie, appointed Commissioner for thexaminacion of the matter of the imposicion set on the inhabitauntes there for the mainetenance of a sute againste certaine libellors. The Colchester libels.

A Commission for thapprehendinge of one William Loundie, servant to Mr. Henrye Sackford, being in Cambridge shiere, who departed from his said master lewdelye, not givinge up certaine accomptes wherewith he was trusted by his said master. A fugitive servant.

A letter to Jasper Swifte for the warninge of ——— Martin not to procede to tharrest of the merchauntes of Dansick by vertue of an old Commission graunted long since unto him, and also to commaund him furthwith to appeare before their Lordships to understand their pleasures in that behalf. Dantzig merchants.

A letter to the Mayour and his brethern of Linne in aunswer of theirs to one of their Lordships' written touching the election of their Mayour, wherein forsomuch as it appeared that some to whom the election apperteyned had not so good consideracion as they shold have had, but, without regarding their Lordships' advice, made choice of one that had lately been noted before them in the Sterre Chamber for some undutifull misdemeanours within that towne muche to their sclaunder; and yet for that by their second election their Lordships finde that error acknowledged, and a better choise made of one more meter for her Majesties service and the quiett governement of the towne, their Lordships were contented to allowe of their doinges and to beare with the former falte of those persons to whom the election apperteined, requireng them to indevour themselfes to remove all dishonest factions and to attend to the quiet governement of the towne. The Mayor of Lynn.

p. 77. At Windesor, the vijth of September, 1576.

Thapparaunces as before.

Victualling the Fleet and Berwick. A letter to Mr. Basshe that whereas he had receivid commaundment from the Lords to make redy victuells for the revictualling of some of her Majesties shippes being now presently at the seas, that he cause the said victualles to be in a redines at Harwiche against the tyme that the shippes shalbe incase to receve them, and there to be imbarqued as the meetest place for that purpose.

A letter to the Lord Darcie for the releasing of a shippe laden with victuels belonging to Mr. Robert Vernon, Surveyour of the Victuels at Barwick, &c., acording to the minute remayning, &c.

The Barbary trade. A letter to Mr. Doctour Dale, her Majesties Embassadour in Fraunce, recomending unto him the complaintes of the merchauntes of London tradinge Barbarie, &c.

A letter of marque. A letter to Mr. Horzey, Capten of thisle of Wight, to permytte Henry Jollif, one of that Isle, to go forth to the seas for the better meting with one Captaine Gilliam, a Frenche piratte, who spoiled him of a shippe laden with wines, canvas and other merchaundizes, taking bandes of him to her Majesties use that he medle not with any saving with the said Gilliam, of whom he pretendeth to recover sufficient recompence of his said losses, &c., acording to the minute remayning, &c.

The Dutch prisoners in Kent. A letter to the Lord Cobham that where thinhabitauntes of the towne of Sandwich have made complainte of the grete burden they sustaine by the nomber of prisoners of Holland and Zeland taken at the seas by Mr. Holstocke and bestowed upon them and others in that countie, his Lordship is required to give order for the setting at libertie the greatest nomber of them, reserving x or xij of the chiefest, procuring shipping for suche as departe at reasonable prices, with bandes to be taken of such as be of the Dutche Churche for the safe returne of suche as shall conduct them home.

A letter to Mr. Holstocke, or such as is deputed to the charge of her Majesties shippes on the Narrow Seas, forsomuche as her Majestie hath been promised by the Prince of Orenge that her subjectes' shippes traveling the seas shall no more be molested and spoiled as of late they have been by suche as serve under his Commission, he is required to forbeare to impeache any of the shippes of Holland and Zelande or otherwise belonging to the Prince so long as he shalbe at the seas, onles they be suche as are to be proved to have lately spoiled any of her Majesties subjectes, or shall in his sight offer wrong to any traveling the Narrow Seas, and to give order and notice to the Captens under him that they may observe the same acordinglie. An arrangement with the Dutch.

At Windesor, the ixth of September, 1576. p. 78.

The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to Sir Henry Ratcliff, Mr. Horsey and the Mayour of Portesmowth that whereas by mischaunce of fier happening in the said towne of Portesmowth certaine of her Majesties storehowses were consumed by the said fyer, the parties aforesaid, being Commissioners, are to inquire whither the same were donne by mallice or otherwise, and what provision of store and victuels were consumed, either of her Majesties or of Mr. Basshes, and the same to set downe particulerlye by the examinacion of witnesses. Further, they are required to deale with her Majesties Surveyour and other officers in those partes to set downe an estimat of the charge what the new building of the said storehowses will amounte unto. A fire at Portsmouth.

A letter to the Lord Warden that where the master of a shippe apperteyning to the towne of Hamboroughe remayneth now presently under the arrest at Dover by the procurement of one Alexaunder Minge of that towne, The privileges of the Steelyard.

who under pretence of a writte of *withernam* hath arested the said master for a debt of xxxiiij^{li} due since the viijth yere of her Majesties reigne; forasmuche as the said debt appereth to be olde and desperat, for which the partie arested never became suretie, and is belonging to the Societie of the Masters of the Stilliard, who pretend by a charter not to have any of their goodes and merchaundizes arrested within this realme for that they be not either principalls or sureties, he is required in consideracion the said Minge hath not been denied justice in Hamborough, to appointe some discrete persons to examine the said allegacions, and finding them to be trewe to cause the master to be released, and to give order that no merchauntes goodes be hereafter arested by the said writte of *withernam* within the liberties of his Lordship's charge unles he or his Deputie be made acquaineted therwith.

Instructions to Lord Darcie.

A letter to the Lord Darcie in aunswer of his wherein he is required to allowe of the procedinges of Fitzwilliams, and to take an inventorie of such victuels as remayne in a shippe arrested at Colchester, and to allowe the sale of the victualles, and to avoide the defection thereof, &c., acording to the minute remayning, &c.

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Sir John Perrot's son.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles, Justice Southcote and Mr. Osburne touching an assault made by one Herbert and others belonging to Sir John Perrottes sonne upon John St. Leger, &c., according to the minute remayning, &c.

At Windesour, the xth of September, 1576.

Thapparaunces as before.

The Marshalsea.

A letter to the Lord Warden to give order for the deliverie of Harte and Simons into the handes of the merchauntes of London, to be by them brought to the Marshalsie, to thend they may be proceded withall acording to the lawes, &c.

A letter to Mr. Holstocke, in aunswer of his written unto their Lordships, for the revictualling of three of her Majesties shippes, and for to dispose those viij prises he toke at the seas into what place he shall thincke convenient, &c., acording to the minute remayning, &c. Victualling the Fleet.

At Farnham the xiijth and xiiijth of September, 1576.

Thapparaunces as before.

A letter to the Lord Cobham for the enlarging and setting at libertie the Flusshingers taken by Mr. Holstock and now prisoners in Sandwiche, taking order for their transportacion, &c., according to the minute, &c. The Dutch prisoners.

A letter to thearle of Huntington, Lord President in the North, to send the names and accusacions of suche as stand obstinatelie against her Majesties procedinges within his charge and rule, &c., acording, &c., remayning, &c. Recusants in the North.

A letter to the Vice President and Counsell in the Marches of Wales to examine a murdre donne in the towne of Glocester by Frances Marche and others, &c., upon one Robert Modlicote; forasmuch as their Lordships are informed that the persons by them appoineted for thexaminacion of the murder are heild as partiall, and that some of them are either affinitive or frindes to the said offendors, they are required, if by triall they shall finde the Commissioners by them appointed to be suche as they are notefied to be, to revoke their former Commission and to appointe new examinours such as for their indifferencie may deale uprightlie in the said matter, and upon due informacion receved from them touchinge the said murder, they to procede acording to justice and equitie, &c., acording, &c. A murder in Gloucester. p. 80.

A letter to Sir Christofer Heidon, Sir William Buttes, knightes, Nathaniel Bacon and ——— Shelton, esquiers, for the sale of merchaundizes in two shippes of the Flemynges taken by one Hubberd, &c., acording to the minute remayninge, &c. Flemish prizes.

At Farneham, the xvijth and xviijth of September, 1576.

The Lord Chamberlaine. Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Leicester. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Treasourer.

An escaped prisoner.

A letter to Robert Nudigate, Thomas Snagge, Peter Graye and Rafe Astrey that whereas one John Atterberye, latelye escaped from her Majesties pryson of the Kinges Benche to the utter undoinge of a pore man, his Keper, is concealed and secretly kept by one William Humberston and John Russell of Ampthill, who have latelye offered to deliver him to the said prison for a somme of money, and denieth also to be procurers of his said escape; they are required to cause the said Humberston and Russell to be apprehendid and brought before them, and straightelye them to examyne touchinge the premisses, taking order that the said Atturburye be committed to prison, and if the said Humberston and Russell shall be founde culpable, to comytte them also to pryson to aunswer that which is to be objected against them.

A letter of commendation.

A letter to the Vice President and Counsell in the Marches of Wales in the favour and behalf of one Wysam and Walker, sued by Henry Dingley, esquier, late Sherif of the countye of Worcester, &c., and furder, &c., acordinge to the mynute remayninge, &c.

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At Farneham the xviijth and xixth of September, 1576.

Thapparaunces as before, adding the Lord Treasourer.

A letter of marque.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie to graunt furthe a Commission unto Richard Gooche for the better metinge with Flusshingers who hath spoiled him of a shippe called the Crabbe of Quinborough, being laden with divers kindes of merchaundizes out of Spaine, &c., according to the mynute remayninge, &c.

The cloth trade.

A letter to Sir Walter Hungerford, Sir John Thinne and others in the behalf of Peter Blackborow, clothier, for a

contribucion and consideracion to be had towardes him by the clothiers in Wilteshire, &c., acording to the minute remayninge, &c.

A letter to the Burough Masters and others of the towne of Rotterdam to release a shippe called the Blew Beare, &c., acording to the minute remayning, &c. A ship detained at Rotterdam.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London to deliver unto Claude le Lieure, a merchaunt of Paris, the money recevid from the assurers, &c., acording to the minute remaynınge, &c. Insurance money.

A letter to the Lord Darcie that whereas a barke called the James of Brooke in Walterland, remayning at Harwiche under the Generall Arrest, was laden and fraighted from Spaine by Alderman Osburne and Mr. Richard Stapler with salt, that he give order for the releasing of the same, &c. Ships to be released.

Another to the said Lord Darcie for the releasing of a shippe called the Blew Beare, belonging to one Bate, &c. acording, &c.

A letter to the Borroughmaster and others of the towne of Rotterdam, in Holland, for the discharge and setting at libertie of a shippe of London called the Sparrowhawke, taken by the masters there going to Shotland (*sic*), &c., acording, &c.

A letter to the Lord Cobham, whereas for the necessarie victuallinge of the Queen's Majesties shippes at Chatham in harborowe there is required by Edward Basshe, Generall Surveyour of her Highnes' Victells for the Sea Causes, a provision of three hundred quarters of whete and iiij^{c} quarters of barlie, to be had in the Hundredes betwene Rochester and Feversham and thereaboutes, and because there is no Commission to be used, his Lordship is desired either by himself or by his letters to be addressed to Mr. Wotton, Mr. Cromer, Mr. Copping, and some other Justices of Peace of those partes, to call the Highe Constables and to appointe that this provision of whete and barlie may be had for the service aforesaid, to be delivered at Rochester to Mr. Basshes Victualling the Fleet. p. 82.

Deputie at reasonable prices, and upon deliverie of the said corne the owners shall have redy money paid for the said corne acordinglie.

Scarcity in London.

A letter to therle of Arundell, Vicount Mountague, the Buisshop of Chichester and others, &c., Commissioners for the Restrainte of Graine and Victuells, that whereas the Lord Mayour, upon a greate dearth like to rise in London, hath ben constrained to assist the markett and people there with the corne and provision of thordinarie store of the said Citee, and therebye hath gretelye wasted the said provision, desireth to have license to buye, shippe and transporte the quantitee of xv^{c} quarters of whete within the Rape of Chichester in the countie of Sussex; the said Commissioners are required to permitte the same, having good order and heede that under colour of the quantitee aforesaid they do not transport any surplus, and also that they have diligent regard that the taking up shipping and transporting of the corne aforesaid be donne in suche secreate manner as it causeth not a furder dearth in the said countie; and furder that they take bandes of such as shalbe deputed by the said Lord Mayour for the purpose aforesaid, and that the said graine be brought only to London, and not conveyed contrarye to the meaninge of the Commission to the particuler proffitt of suche as shall have to deale therein in the behalf of the said Citie.

The cloth trade.

A letter to the Masters and Wardens of the Clotheworkers in the Citie of London that whereas under colour of a Commission graunted unto them from her Majestie they seeke to impeche the merchauntes trading Dantiske, Hamborough and other places, they are required for this presente shippinge they forbeare, and referre the hearing thereof till the coming of the Master of the Rolles to London, where either partie shalbe hearde with equitie to their satisfactions.

Dutch prisoners released.

A letter to the Customers, Comptrollers and Searchers of the Portes of London to discharge certaine Hollanders and Zellanders being arrested there, &c., acording, &c.

At Odiham, the xxth of September, 1576. p. 83.

Thapparaunces as before.

A letter to the Lord Admirall in aunswer of his written to Mr. Secretary Walsingham that where he desireth instructions to be sent to George Biston for the waftinge of the Merchauntes Adventurers unto Hamborough, and also to have a Capten appointed for the governement of the Handmaide in the place of yonge Biston, who through sicknes was constrained to leave his charge; touching the first, he is aunswered that the said instructions be alredie sent to the said Biston, and, for the second, it is referred unto him to chose another in Biston's place, such a one as he shall thincke sufficient for that purpose. Instructions to the Admiral in the Narrow Seas.

A letter to the Lord Cobham for sequestringe the frutes of the Faire of Sittingborne, and that the place acustomed for the Faire be not chainged, &c., acording to the mynute remayning, &c. Sittingbourne Fair.

A letter to George Biston to attend the Merchauntes Adventurers, and to see them safely conducted to Hamborowghe, &c., acording, &c. Convoy.

A letter to the Vicepresident and Counsell in the Marches of Wales touching a murder committed on the person of Modlicote by Frauncis Marshe, John Thornebye and others, &c.; and furder, &c., acording to the minute remayning, &c. A murder in Wales.

At Reading, the xxiiijth of September, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A placard for the Lord of Gartley, Scottishman, to go into Scotland by the way of Barwick. Passports and a summons.

A placard for Canay and Ulec, two Frenchmen, to passe over into Fraunce.

A letter to Thomas Perrott, esquier, to make his apparaunce before their Lordshippes to aunswer such thinges as at his coming is to be objected against him.

A Dutch Envoy.

A safe conduct from the Lords to the Prince of Orenge for the safe cominge over of some soche one as he shall thinke convenient to be sent hither unto her Majestie to treate for the reforming of suche disorders as have been committed on the sea and otherwise by those of Holland and Zeland, and to satisfie her Majestie touching the dealinges at Flusshinge and other places.

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Dutch pirates.

A letter to the Lord Warden that where a peticion is exhibited by Nicholas Jordan and Gilbert Moxfie complaininge of a spoile committed on a shippe called the Trinytee of London, riding at an anchor under the Castle of Dealve (*sic*), by one Nicolson of Flusshinge, which Nicolson remaynethe prysoner at Sandwich; his Lordship is required, for that the partie complainantes desire to have the said Nicolson brought up to London to the Marshalsey, there to procede against him by lawe, to give order that he be deliverid unto them, taking bandes of them to her Majesties use that he be safely deliverid into the said Marshalsey.

A fray.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles and Mr. Justice Sowthecote that where there hath been an attempt made by John Mannynge, her Majesties servaunt, Keper of the Parke of Grenewiche, upon Mr. Wiseman, one of the Gentlemen Pencioners, being sore hurte, that they do call before them suche witnesses as are to be produced on either parte, and upon diligente examinacion made that they certifie their Lordshipps what they finde thereof, to thend furder order may be given acordinglie.

The Colchester dispute.

A letter to the Bailiffes and Cominaltie of the towne of Colchester touching certein controversies betwene them, &c.; and furder, &c., acording to the minute remayninge, &c.

A summons.

A letter to George Monnoux to make his apparaunce before their Lordships to aunswer such matter as at his cominge is to be objected against him.

At Reading, the xxvjth of September, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A surety imprisoned.

A letter to Mr. Justice Southcote that whereas one Nicholas Bobineawe, a Frenchman, havinge ben suretie for the Visdame of Chartres unto Acerbo Velutelli for certaine sommes of money, and after longe imprysonment he hath compounded and satisfied the said Acerbo, as by certificat under his handes appeareth; he is required, for that the said Bobyneawe is still deteined in prison, to examine yf there be any furder cause whye he shold be detayned, and if there be no cawse to set him at libertie.

The debtors in the Queen's Bench.

A warraunt to Richard Quarles, one of the Messingers of the Queen's Majesties Chamber, to warne one Arthur Breame and others refusing contemptuously to appere before her Majesties Commissioners deputed to treate with the creditours of suche as remaine prisoners for debt in her Majesties Bench, to commaunde them in her Majesties name to make their apparaunce at all tymes when they shalbe so required, and not to faile at their perill.

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Newfoundland fish.

A placard to all Viceadmirals, Justices of Peax and other her Majesties officers for thassisting of one Ivon Robert de Porteren, a Britaine, in thexecucion of a processe for the staing and aresting to his use of a shippe called the Evan, whereof was master one Peter Grissell, the lading whereof was Newland fishe, and spoiled about Belisle by one John Callis, a piratt, and his complices, and caried to a place called Pemarth, nere to the porte of Cardiffe in Wales.

The Queen's Bench.

A letter to the Commissioners deputed to treate with the creditours of suche as remaine prisoners for debt in her Majesties Benche, as appereth by a mynute remayninge in the Councell Chest.

Lewd words.

A letter to Mr. Justice Jeffreis to send for one Parker, attending on the Lord of Buckhurst, for thaunswering of

certein contemptuouse speches uttered by him against the Lord Dacres, &c., acording to the mynute remayninge, &c.

At Readinge, the xxviijth of September, 1576.

Thapparaunces as before.

The Chatham squadron.

A letter to Sir William Winter, knight, Benjamyn Gonson and Mr. Holstock, esquiers, in aunswer to a letter of theirs wherein they be desirous to knowe her Majesties plesure for the calling home of her shippes; it is signified unto them that they cause them to retorne home and repaire againe unto Chatham at the tyme of thexpiring of their victuell, which is the iiijth of October folowing, against which tyme they are promysed to have redy money for paiment of the men.

At Reading, the last of September, 1576.

Thapparaunces as before.

The Inquisition.

A letter to Anthonye Guarras concerning Staper and others, detained in prison in Spaine by the Inquisitours there, to write for their deliveraunce, &c., acording to the minute remayninge, &c.

Ship money in London.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London for a collection to be made for payment of the charges defraied for the setting out and manninge of two shippes to the seas, &c., acording to the minute remayninge, &c.

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At Reading, the first of October, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Scarcity in England.

A letter to the Lord Keper that where her Majestie is given tunderstand of a very greate dearth of corne lately

risen universally through the whole realme, which her Majestie being carefull to have redressed, forasmuch as the Commissions heretofore given for the Restrainte of Graine are now expired at Michaelmas last, her pleasure is that your Lordship shall give out new Commissions for the like Restrainte, and also yf he shall finde that any of the Commissioners heretofore appointed for the execucion of the said Commissions shalbe deade, it shalbe convenient that his Lordship, in place of such so deceassed, do appointe some other fitt persons to be joined with those that have ben heretofore imployed in the said Commissions, who being acquaineted with the order thereof are best able to discharge the same.

A sick prisoner.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles that where there hath ben one Thomas Selbye for the matter of the fraye betwene yonge Parrott and St. Leger by your order committed to Newgate,* who as we are informed is fallen very sicke in the prison, and therefore sute hath ben made unto us in consideracion that he resisteth (*sic*) in some dainger by reason of his said sicknes, as also greatly hindered otherwise by meanes of his imprisonment, being but a pore man, that he may be permitted under baile to repaire home unto his howse; forasmuche as the said suite semeth very reasonable unto us he is required, taking sufficient bandes and sureties of him for his forthcominge at such tymes as he shalbe called for, to give order that he may be set at libertie.

At Reading, the ij^de^ of October, 1576. p. 87.

Thapparaunces as before, adding thearle of Warwick.

A deserving case.

A letter to the Archebuisshop of Caunterbury that where one Thomas Browne is fallen into decaye by his evill factours, in whom he reposed the trust of his whole trade, and in consideracion of his honest conversacion and spetiall service not many yeres since to the greate benifite of this realme by the discovery of some thinges and daingers hanging over this State; in piteing of his estate

and in consideracion of the premisses, for that he is greatly chargid with wife and children, his Lordship is required to recommend his cause to the rest of his brethern the Buisshopps for some liberall collection amongest them, to thend his decaied estate may be repaired, thorder of which benevolence is referred to his discrecion to be donne furthwith in respect of his present necessitee.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of the like tenour in the behalf of the said Browne.

A private quarrel.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles, Justice Southecote and others, that whereas upon a matter of quarrell betwene Bonaventure Asshebie and Edmond Smythe and others his adherentes, letters were directed from their Lordships to certen Justices of Middlesex for the examinacion thereof, and they by their letters certified their Lordships that the whole Benche at the Sessions at Finsburye had alredy taken for their good abearing bonde of the said Smithe and his adherentes for other their misdemeanours; since which tyme the said Smyth and the rest travaileng to be released at the next Sessions of their said bande, they are required, considering the offendours are such as upon the releasing of them are likelye to disquiet not only the said Asshebye, but also others his neighbors, to contynew the said bande untill such tyme as they shalbe furder directed in that behalf from the said Lords.

p. 88. At Reading, the iiijth of October, 1576.

Thapparaunces as before.

An Irish creditor.

A letter to Sir Rowland Hayward and others that wheare one William Foster of Dublin had sufferid very hard dealinges and greate losse by diverse merchauntes of London refusing to come to composicion with the said Foster for the payment of suche somes of money as by

them were dew unto him, they are required to call the said persons before them, and upon examinacion thereof to bring the said parties, if it may be, to some agreament, and thereupon to certifie the said Lords; and if they shall refuse the same, to advertyse the names of the persons and the causes why they shall só refuse their order; and, furder, for that the said Foster is one that necessary serveth her Majestie in Ireland, and therfore may not abide to have his matter delaied, they are required to dispatch the same with speade.

At Readinge, the vijth of October, 1576.

Thapparaunces as before.

Return of an Ambassador.

A letter to the Mayour of Dover that whereas Mr. Doctour Dale, late her Majesties Embassadour resident in Fraunce, returninge home desireth to have some barke sufficiently manned and appoineted for his safe transportacion, he is required to cause some such barke by his order to be sent out of the haven of Dover to that purpose, and to attend him either at Calais or Bulloigne as he shall thinke good.

Zealand pirates.

A letter to the Estates of the countrey of Zeland touching the taking of the barque of Bullone and ij other shippes of Ipsewich, to have them released with their merchaundizes, &c., acording to the mynute remayninge, &c.

A letter to the Prince of Orenge touching the same effecte and purpose.

Recusants.

Brian Fowler being bounde to appere before the Lords to aunswer suche matter as is to be objected against him, made his apparaunce, &c.

John Draicott, George Maxfielde and Robert Beckett, being bounde *ut supra* as Fowler, made their apparaunces, &c.

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p. 89. At Windesor, the x^th^ of October, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer. Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall. Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Bedford.

Lewd words. A placard to the Knight Marshall for the apprehending of one John Wollman, having used certaine lewde and reprochefull speches against the Lord Admirall.

At Hampton Coourte, the xvj^th^ of October, 1576.

Thapparaunces as before, adding thearle of Warwick and thearle of Leicester.

A wreck at Sandwich. A letter to the Lord Cobham that whereas their Lordships were informed by Acerbo Velutelli that a certen shippe of Marsilia being cast awaye about Sandwich, certein peces of ordinance and munición were recovered which the said Acerbo in the name of the proprietaries desired to have restored, his Lordship shold give order that they might be restored, and to be transported whither they listed, provided that under pretense thereof nor in place of any the said peeces any other newe peece shold be transported over, and his Lordship to advertise the officers thereof that they might have a regard thereto.

A murder in Chancery Lane. A letter to the Sherif of the countie of Oxon and Symon Harecoourte, esquier, that whereas one Thirsbye, a yong gentilman, about the begynninge of the last sommer was slaine in Chauncerye Lane, and the parties thereupon fledd, and it is vehemently suspected that one John Hill and William Laverock committed the same fact, who thereupon absent them selfes from London, they shold make inquerie after them and apprehend them, and if they were departed the shire to signifie this their Lordships' plesure to the next Sheriffe for their apprehencion.

A letter to Mr. Justice Manwoode that whereas Andrew Muller, a shipper of Hamboroughe, was arrested at Dover by a writt of *withernam*, contrary as is alleadged to the privileges graunted to the Steedes of the Howse (*sic*), which they of Dover alleadge not to take place by reason theirs are more auncyent and so rather regarded, he shold examyne the pointes of both Charters and advertise his opinyon therein, and further what their Lordships may do in lawe for the releasing of the said shipper, being in prison at Dover upon an execucion appon the said writte. The privileges of the Steel-yard.

At Hampton Coourte, the xvijth of October, 1576. p. 90.

The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Tresourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to the Lord Tresourer sending him the letters signed by their Lordships which were to be sent to the maritime shieres for the staie of transportacion of graine and victuels, and for the stayeng of such as arme them selfes to the sea for the service of other Princes; desireng his lordship to signe them, and, further, to give like order to the Porte of London where it is thought those disorders are moost committed. The Restraint of Victuals.

Twelve letters to the maritime shieres to that effect, acordinge to the minute and names of the shieres remaynynge in the Counsell Chest.

A letter to the Mayour of Dover to send up one sufficiently instructed to informe their Lordships by what auc-thoritee they claime and use their writtes of *withernam*, and also to shew what particuler matter they have against certein men of Dunkerky (*sic*) and a shipper of Hamborough, upon whom of late they have servid the said writtes. The writ of *withernam*.

A letter to the Earle of Rutland that whereas a matter in controversie betwene one Mr. Roos, of the countie of An arbitration.

Notingham, esquier, and one Edmonde Crumwell, nephew to a pore man, bearer hereof, was by her Majesties order recomendid and remitted to Mr. Justice Dier, who, as it semeth by his letter, undertooke that the said Roos shold for a finall ende committe it to the arbitrement of Mr. Sergeant Pontrell and Mr. Perpointe, the Sheriff, and both partes stande bounde to abide their awarde; nevertheles, their Lordships were informed that the said Mr. Roos wold not be bounde, and so the pore man constrained to renewe his complainte here, his Lordship shold send for the said Mr. Roos, and be a meanes that upon bandes both parties might be contented to committe the finall ending of the said matter to the said arbitratours named by Mr. Dyer, or sum other Justices of Peace of the said countie as both shall well like of, so as their Lordships be no further trobled; orels to advertise what he shall have donne, and in whom the default is.

p. 91. At Hampton Coourte, the xxjth of October, 1576.

Thapparaunces as before.

Dutch cruisers. A letter in French to the Prince of Orenge for restitucion of a shippe called the Bull of Emigburg, laden at Saint Lucas in Spaine with goodes apperteyninge to merchauntes of London, taken by Flusshingers apon the coast of Portingale, and brought the vjth of this monithe to Flusshinge.

A letter to the Governour and Estates of Zeland to the same effect.

Pirates in the Thames. A letter to the Lord Cobham that where their Lordships were given tunderstand that an Argusie lyenge in the Teames mowth besides the Tennett was assaulted by a certaine barke of Englishmen, whereof some were slaine and others wounded, and sum said to remaine at Mr. Crispe's howse thereabout, he shold diligently inquiere and examine the matter, apprehend the offendours and advertise their Lordships.

At Hampton Coourte, the xxijth of October, 1576.

The Lord Admirall. Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Bedford. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Treasourer.

Reprisals. A letter to Sir Arthur Champernone, knight, Viceadmirall of the countie of Devon, that whereas their Lordships were given tunderstand by a Supplicacion exhibited by one Rowland Seymour of Dartemowth how that he had a barke laden with salt staied at Brest, in Britaine, upon pretence that one Frauncis Eliott, merchaunt of that towne, had a barke taken by pirattes and after bought by one ——— Asshebye of Dertmowth, to whom the said Seymour was content to pay soch money as he had bought the same for of the piratt; he shold send for the said Assheby and examine the matter, and if it were so as it is informed, then to commaund him to sell the said shippe or barke for the same price to Seymour as he bought her of the piratt, that upon restitucion thereof to the Britton the pore man may recover his owne againe.

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Prize herrings. A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie with two Suppli-cacions inclosed, thone of certein masters of shipps against the Merchauntes Adventurers, with their aunswer; thother of certein Hollanders and one Salvadour Adye, a Spaniard, for two busses of hearinges taken from the Hollanders by one Capten Huberd, serving on the seas under the license of the late Comendadour, which busses and the money that was made of the hearinges remained in Norfolk, to be restored to soche as in right the same shold appertaine unto; the same Judge to examine both and either compound them, orels advertise their Lordships what he shall have donne and of his opinyon.

Lord Riche and his claims. A letter to the Lord Riche that whereas his Lordship hath staied at Lee, in Essex, certen goodes and merchaundizes which were recoverid out of a shipp which was like to have ben cast away upon that coast, and it is not knowen upon what pretense his Lordship hath donne it, eyther to

restore and aunswer the same to the owners, or els to advertise their Lordships what lawfull cause he hath to the contrarye.

Release of a merchantman.

A letter to the Lord Cobham that seing their Lordships were advertised by one Diogenes, bearer hereof, that the owners of the Argusie lately assaulted had put in sufficient sureties to prosecute the sute of lawe against the assailers, which also the said Diogenes undertoke and promysed before their Lordships to sollicite, he shold suffer the said Argusey to departe, and not to be further staied for that cause; and further to advertise him that their Lordships had willed the said Diogenes to deliver to his Lordship the barke, munition and other thinges which apperteyned to the men, to be emploied for the discharge of such expenses as his Lordship shold be at about the examyninge of the matter, acording to their Lordships' former letters.

At Hampton Coourte, the xxiiijth of October, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Bedford.	

Hue and cry at Maidenhead.

A letter to Sir Henry Nevill, knight, Richard Ward, esquier, Cofferer of her Majesties Howsehold, and Richard Lovelace, esquier, to examyne a complainte exhibited by one Humfrey Kerry of London, merchaunt, that being robbed in a thicket nere Maidenheade, hue and crye being raised and folowed to the said towne, they made not suche pursute after the offendours as by lawe they were bound; and if upon examinacion of the matter any default shall appere in the officers, to comitt them till they shold here further; and besides, the informacion being trew, to advise how the said Kerrye might be recompensed for his losses acording to lawe, and to advertise, &c.

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A letter to the Mayour of Dover signifieng their Lordships' misliking of their late letter, in aunswer of a former sent from their Lordships, why they did not send up one sufficiently instructed to aunswer their pretenses of *withernams* against certen of Hamborough and Dunkerk before consultacion had with the rest of the Portes, and therefore to send up [such] a one furthwith. The writ of *withernam.*

A warraunt to the Treasourer of the Chamber to pay to the Clerkes of the Counsell fourty shillinges for a new Councell Chest. The Council Chest.

A letter to Sir James Crofte, Comptroller of her Majesties Howseholde, Mr. Doctour Lewis, Judge of thadmiraltie, touchinge John Callis, a notorious piratt haunting the coast of Wales, acording to a minute thereof remayninge in the Councell Chest. A notorious pirate.

A letter to the Lord Scrope touching certen pointes conteyned in a letter lately sent from the Lord Regent of Scotland to Mr. Secretary Walsingham, &c., acording to the minute remayninge, &c. The Scottish Borders.

Twenty letters to the inland shieres of this realme signifieng her Majesties pleasure for the restrainte of badgers, and other orders to be taken by the Justices of Peax for the bringing downe the price of graine, &c., acording to the minute and note of the shieres remayninge, &c. The corn trade.

At Hampton Coourte, the xxvth of October, 1576.

Thapparaunces as before, saving the Lord Chamberlaine.

A letter to the Customers, Comptrollers and Searchers and other officers of the Porte of London to release certein of Hollande ordinarilie bringing in victuels for the provision of the Citee of London, who were staied by them, and that also they may be permitted to passe and repasse to and fro from tyme to tyme as they shall have occasion for the bringing in of any soche victuels; and because the same Provisions for London.

is a grete relief to the pore people of London, they shall from henceforth freelye suffer all suche as trade hither with victuels to come and returne untill they shalbe further directed from the Lords in that behalf.

p. 94. The cloth trade.

A letter to Sir Walter Hungerford, Sir John Thinne, Sir Henry Sherington, knightes, and others, that whereas heretofore divers letters have ben written unto them to be a meanes that some contribucion might be levied upon the clothiers of the counties of Wilteshire and Somersett for the relief of Peter Blackborowe, who by the Lords' order did forbere to prosecute such accions as he had begonne against them, and thereby were like to have ben condemned in grete some of money; and whereas in a letter recevid from them they demaundid whether that contribucion shold be extended amongest the clothiers of the shieres aforesaid in generall, or only to such particuler persons as he had in sute, they are required, forasmuch as they had all offended and incurred the like penaltie of lawe, that the contribucion be made generally on them, as well for the better relief of the pore man as for that the burden wilbe the easier to the said clothiers.

For an arrest.

A letter to Mr. Altam that where one Hughe Worseley, late servant to Mr. Abington, one of the Clerkes of the Grenecloth, who for his misdemeanour shold have ben committed, and thereupon hath withdrawen himself; he is required, for that they are informed the said Worseley to be resiaunt in Harlowe, to cause him to be apprehendid and sent up unto their Lordships under safe gard and kepinge to aunswer that which is to be objected against him.

A wet season and late harvest.

A letter to the Lord Chandos, Sir Giles Poole, Sir Nicholas Arnold, knightes, and other her Majesties Commissioners for the Restraint of Corne and Graine, that whereas there hath been exhibited unto their Lordships a peticion on the behalf of thinhabitauntes of the towne and countie of _____ that in consideracion of the scarcitie of corne, espetiallye of malte, happened this yere by reason of much raine and late-

nes of their harvest, they might be suffered to take up within the countie of Glocester certen quarters of graine for their relief; they are required to suffer such as shalbe deputed by thinhabitauntes aforesaid to take up in their county of malt iij^{c} quarters, and of pease xv quarters, all other restraintes notwithstanding; and because the same corne so taken up shall not be caried els where, they are required to take bandes to her Majesties use of the takers up of the same that it be not imbecelled contrarye to their Lordships' meaninge.

Frauds in the cloth trade.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles and Mr. Sollicitour that whereas their Lordships having called before them divers merchauntes and clothworkers, and by conference with them are given tunderstand of the deceiptfull making of cloth through this realme contrarye to the lawes and statutes ordeyned in that behalf, whereby not only the clothes of this realme are litell accompted of beyond the seas, but also the merchauntes by meanes of their imperfection are daylie grete losers and not able to utter them as they have donne in tymes past; and for that it is a thinge necessary to be p. 95. reformed, being the greatest commodite this realme hath, the said merchauntes and clothworkers are appointed to set downe the faltes they daily finde in the making of the said clothes and withall their opinyons what waies may be best used for a generall reformacion thereof, and to repaire to the Master of the Rolles and Mr. Sollicitour; wherefore they are required upon their repaier unto them to consider substancially thereof and to advertise the Lords what they shall do therein, that some present reformacion may be had for the avoidinge of such inconveniences as dayly do growe thereby.

The Spanish trade.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles and the Judge of thadmiraltie that where there hath ben exhibited a peticion to the Lords by certein of the Spanishe merchauntes concerning a controversie growen betwene them and the Merchauntes Adventurers upon a matter of staye and sale

of merchaundizes at Flusshinge, as appered by the said peticion sent therwith unto them; forasmuch as the matter hath in it self some difficultie, therefore deserved to be substancially considered of for the better satisfieng of both parties, they are required to call unto them the said merchauntes and to examyne their allegacions on either partie; and for that Sir William Winter and Mr. Beale can testifie therein, being acquainted with the matter, they are also required to call them before them and to examyne them upon soch articles as shalbe delivered unto them from either of the parties; and when they shall have throughly delt therein to certifie the Lords what they finde thereof, toguither with their opinions what is lawe in such a case.

The Knight Marshal robbed.

A letter to the Lieutenant of the Tower and Mr. Recorder of London to examyne one Thomas Wells, lately apprehendid and vehemently suspected of the robbery not long sithe comitted upon the Knight Marshall as he went to London, which the said Welles denied, although he is found seased with sum parte of the spoile then taken awaye; therefore, in case he will not confesse the dede and who were his parteners, they should bring him in feare thereof, to thintent they (*sic*) might confesse the trothe, and to advertise their Lordships of their doinges.

* At Hampton Courte, the xxvjth of October, 1576.

The Freedom of the City.

A letter to the Lord Mayour and Aldermen of London that wheare the bearer hereof, William Bisley, gentilman, one of whom the Lords have very good liking and wold be glad in his honest and reasonable request to furder, is very desirous for some good respect to become free of the Cittee; which his request being reasonable unto them they are very hartely prayed to graunte him the Fredome of their Citee, which if they shall performe they shall give

* Written in the margin of the MS. No attendances given.

cause to the said Lords to be mindefull thereof when any juste occasion shalbe offered.

At Hampton Courte, the last of October, 1576. p. 96.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The attack on the Argosy.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie that whereas the Lords had not long since directed their letters to the Lord Cobham for the apprehending and examyninge of suche persons as were to be founde to have been delers in the late attempt made on the Argousie, and upon their apprehencion to send them prisoners into the Marshalsie, he is required to receve them and to see them safely loked unto, not onlye they which he shall presentlye send, but also such others as from tyme to tyme shalbe by him apprehendid for that fact and sent unto him.

Another letter to the said Judge that where they are given tunderstand by a letter from Richard Barrey, esquier, which is sent unto him herewith, that one Captein White, one Browne of Greis Inne, and Preston of Somersetshiere, coming to Deale and making inquerie for a pinace of xvj tonnes that shold have come from London, and understanding of the succes of the assault made on the Aragousie, they presently withdrew themselves towardes London, whereby they are vehemently to be suspected to have ben of consorte with the pirattes that assaulted the said Aragousye; he is therefore required, for the better tryeng out of the originall of the matter, to give order to have them apprehended and comitted, to thend that if they shalbe found culpable they may abide justice.

The wool trade.

Two warrauntes of one tenure, one to Lawrence Dutton and the other to Robert Pedley, Messingers of her Majesties Chamber, to warne certein wolle buyers within the Citee of London, Northampton and other places to appere before

their Lordships, those of London within iiij^{or} daies after the admonicion and the other within vj daies.

p. 97. At Hampton Coourte, the second of November, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Arundell.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Warwick.	

The Star Chamber. A letter to Symon Harecourte, esquier, willing him upon the receipt thereof to make his repaire unto the Lords to understand their furder plesures upon matter of complainte exhibited against him by William Buttle.

A letter to the Lord Keper that where there hath been a peticion with certaine articles against Symon Harecourte exhibited by William Buttell for certaine disorders and injuries donne to the said Buttle by the said Symon Harecourte, he is required, because they desire to have present order taken for the reforminge thereof, to appointe Mr. Attorney to be redye to informe against the said Harecourte in the Sterre Chamber upon suche articles as the said Buttle shall deliver unto him, and also to assigne some day for the hearinge of the matter, which his Lordship is desired to signifie unto the Lords.

A young Papist. A letter to the Archebisshop of Caunterburye that wheare George Shereley, a yong gentleman, havinge been through evil educacion misled and brought up in corrupt Religion, thoughe otherwise towardlye and likely to be brought from this blindenes and error and reduced to conformytee, he is required to receve him into his howse for one moneth, and to appointe some one of his chapeleins to conferre with him from tyme to tyme, whereby he may be the better instructed and diswaded from his said error.

A merchant's difficulties. A letter to the Lord Mayour, Sir Rowland Heyward, Alderman Pipe and Alderman Bowier, that whereas Robert Scarborough, Citezen and Merchaunt Adventurer of London,

remayneth indebted to divers within the said Citee, and by reason his grete losses and hinderaunce susteyned within thiese vij yeres in Andwerpe, Hamboroughe, London and other casualties in the seas, and especially of late by the Flusshingers, whereby the said Scarborough is not in state to make presente payment of his said debtes, although by tyme and by sale of suche merchaundizes as he hath remayninge at Andwerpe and within the Citee he maketh accompt to be able to make full satisfaction of his said debtes, and therefore hath made sute to the Lords to be a meanes that the rigor of his creditors by some good order may be stayed for a tyme, untill by the sale of his p. 98. goodes aforesaid he may be able to pay them; they are required in consideration of the premysses to call suche his creditors before them within the Citee as he shall notifie unto them, and to take such order with them that they refraine for a tyme to molest him there, and that also they be a meanes, by way of perswacion, if any accion hath ben commenced against him the same may be staied, and sufficient tyme given him for the payment of suche somes as by him are dew unto them.

Sundry recusants.

A letter to tharchebisshop of Caunterburye that where the Lords have receivid a letter from John Scudamore, James Warmecombe and James Bale, esquiers, concerning certein persons whose names are specified in the said letter who refuse to com to the churche and to comunicate, and therefore some of them remaine excomunicate; forasmuch as they are not to be reduced to conformitie by any good perswacion, but will persiste in their blindness and error, the said Archbishop with the rest of the Commissioners are required to call the said persons before them and to procede against them acording to lawe.

At Hampton Coourte, the iij^{de} of November, 1576.

The Lord Admirall.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Warwicke.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The attack on the Argosy.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie that whereas by examinacion of Tymothy Can, taken by the Lord Admirall, Thomas Cobham is accused to have ben a dealer and of consorte with those that assaulted the Aragousye, he is required to give order for the apprehending, committing and examynenge of the said Thomas Cobham, which examinacion being taken he is also required to send the same unto their Lordships.

Licence for games.

A licence graunted to John Saterley of Herford Stocke, in the countye of Essex, yeoman, to set forth and cause to be practised, tryed and plaied in open places, either by himself, his deputie or deputies, certen games conteyned in the minute of the said license remayninge in the Councell Chest.

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At Hampton Coourte, the iiijth of November, 1576.

The Lord Admirall.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Arundell.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwicke.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Bedford.	

A Queen's ship for Ireland.

A letter to Sir William Winter that where by her Majesties appointement George Thorneton is to have the conduction of her Majesties shippe called the Handmaide into Ireland for her Majesties service there, he is required by vertue of his Comyssion to take up xxx mariners to serve in the said shippe.

A letter to Edward Basshe, esquier, that whereas George Thorneton is appointed to go into Ireland in her Majesties shippe the Handmaide, and hath also commaunded the same to be victualled for vj wekes, he is required to give order that the same victels may be forthwith prepared and deliverid to the said Thorneton, receving of him redy money acording to her Majesties rates.

A placard for the said George Thorneton for his assisting in his voyage towardes Ireland.

Lord Riche and his claims.

A letter to the Lord Ritche that where by a letter of his written to the Lords dated the xxvjth of October they are given tunderstand that he is contented to have the matter in controversye betwene him and Alderman Pullison comitted to some indifferent persons for the examyninge and trying of the same, and although the said Lords by their experience had in the like are of opynyon the same will go altoguither against him; yet notwithstanding for that they wold be lothe to prejudice that which he challengeth to be his right therein, they do very well like of the same that it shuld be indifferently heard, and therefore have appoineted the Master of the Rolles, Mr. Attorney, Mr. Recorder, Dr. Lewes, Dr. Dale and Dr. Awbrey to have the hearinge and examyninge thereof; and in the meane while, for that the goodes are of that nature that they will not tarry without peryshinge, he is required to deliver the same with the shippe unto the owners, taking sufficient bandes of them in London to aunswer the valew thereof, if hereafter it shall fall out the same to be dewe unto him.

A letter to Master of the Rolles, Mr. Attorney and others, &c., that where there is a controversie betwene the Lord Ritche, Alderman Pullison and others, touching a ship belonging to the [said] Pullison which was driven on shore on Shobery Sandes, within the manour of Rosshefordes Hundred apperteyninge to the said Lord, whereby he c[h]allengeth the same a wrecke to be dew unto him by vertue of certein Letters Patentes graunted to his father by Acte of Parliament; forasmuche as the Lords do desire to have the matter ordered acording to equitie and justice, loth to prejudice his right or claime he may justely make thereto, they have made choice p. 100. of them sixe and do require them to appointe some day and place of meting for the hearing and examininge of the said controversye, and to certifie the Lords of their opinions and what they finde thereof by lawe.

At Hampton Coourte, the v^th^ of November, 1576.

The Lord Chamberlaine.	Thearle of Leicester.
Thearle of Arundell.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The writ of *withernam.*

A letter to Mr. Justice Southcote, Mr. Justice Manwoode, and the Judge of thadmiraltie with Mr. Doctour Awbrey, that where there hath ben a complainte made by certen of the towne of Dunkerke as also of those of the Stilliarde against the towne of Dover, for the abuse as they saye of a writte of *withernam* served upon certen of Dunkerke and a shipper of Hamborough, whereupon the Lords wrote their letters to the Mayour and others of the towne of Dover to understand by what charter and priviledge the same was executed, and they thereupon, having conferred with the rest of the Portes who had interest therein, deputed certein persons instructed touchinge the said controversie who have appered before the Lords of her Majesties Privey Counsell; and forasmuche as the Lords are desyrous to have presente order taken therein for the satisfieng of the plaintifes, they have made choise of them fower, and have required them to call both parties before them to here and examine the matter, and to signifie their doinges and opinions therein to the Lords, that order may be taken both for this and thavoiding of like inconvenience in tyme to come.

French claims.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie and Mr. Doctour Dale that where there was delivered to Mr. Doctour Dale the aunswer made by Mr. Doctor Lewes to a certen bill of complainte concerning depredacions donne upon the French Kinges subjectes, and delivered to him to consider of them as being made acquaineted with those matters during the tyme of his imbassie in Fraunce, he is required, toguither with the said Dr. Lewis, after they shall have considered and perused the said articles, to make their repaire unto the French Embassadour, and to deliver unto him the said aunswers with their opinions; they shall also deliver him a note of suche restitucions as have been made by her Majestie

to the subjectes of the King his master, and a like note of such her Majesties subjectes as have been spoiled by the Frenche since a few yeres unto whom no restitucion at all hath been made, which when they shall have donne they shall signifie unto the Lords how thembassadour accepteth thereof.

Mr. Doctour Dale was sworne before the Lords Master of the Requestes. Dr. Dale.

At Hampton Coourte, the vijth of November, 1576. p. 101.

Thearle of Lincoln.	Thearle of Warwick.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Thearle of Leicester.
Thearle of Arundell.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to the Lord Keper, the Lord Thresourer and Sir Walter Mildmaye, that where her Majestie being given tunderstand that thambassadour of Portingall doth not rest satisfied with the punishement extended by her Highnes' order upon the Recorder, insisting gretly upon the oultrage comitted by the said Recorder in the manner of his proceding in the late searche made by him in the said Embassadour's howse, as in beating of his porter, thentering in with naked swordes, the laying of violent handes upon the Lady his wyfe, the taking of his Hooste and challis, and the breking open of certen dores and other such like violences, wherewith the said Embassadour hath acquaincted the Lord Tresourer; they are required, lest the said Embassadour might aggravate the matter more than is cawse, to examyne the said particularities in calling before [them] aswell such straingers as they can lerne were there, not being of the Embassadour's famylie, as also suche as accompanyed the said Recorder, whom they shall thinke fitt to be examyned in that matter; which examinacion being taken they shall send withall spede, to thende her Majestie may be the better able to aunswer incase the said Embassadour shall urge any furder satisfaction. An ambassador's complaint.

Maritime insurance.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles, Justice Southecote, Justice Harper and Justice Jeffreis touching the hearing and examyning of a matter in controversye betwene George Monnoux and certaine merchauntes assurers; forasmuche as the matter is of some waighte, and therefore dowbtfull whether it may be tryed by the Common Lawe or not, the Lord Chief Justice and the Lord [Justice] Dyer are required to joine with them abovenamyd, and to examyne the said controversye a new; considering that the circumstaunces requireth thadvice and opinyon of suche as are learnid in the Civill Lawe, they shall call unto them Doctor Lewis and Doctor Drurye, as so willed from the Lords, to joine with them in the hearing and examyning of the said cause, and upon the examinacion thereof to bring the parties if it may be to some good composicion; which if they shall not be able to do, to certifie them particulerly of their procedinges therein, and from whither of the parties the stay groweth, that if the matter can not be by them accorded sume finall ende may be taken furder therein as apperteyneth.

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At Hampton Coourte, the xvjth of November, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Warwicke.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A debtor's troubles.

A letter to Sir Robert Doiley, knight, that whereas one John Marmeon, gentleman, hath complained to the Queen's Majestie that he, the said Robert, had violently entered upon a farme of his for the non payment of v^{c}xxij^{li} at Alhaloutide last past, to his utter undoinge and spoile of his movables, which he thinketh if they be put to open sale sufficient to aunswer the said Sir Robert and other his creditours, he is willed to advertise their Lordships how the matter standeth, and in the meane tyme use the said

Marmeon as favorably and as resonably [as] he may, that he troble the Quenes Majestie no more.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie that whereas heretofore license was given to one Burbaige to arrest such shippes and goodes as shold com from Brest and Conquest for the recompence of such damages as he had susteyned by them, and thereupon he or his assignes arrested a shippe at Weymowth which was of Lantreguier and not of the two places aforesaid, as was now offered to be proved by certein attestacions sent over; he shold consider of them, and if it shold appere that they were neither of Brest nor Conquest, then to give order to Robert Gregorye, the Viceadmiral's officer at Weymowth, or such other as shall have the same shippe or goodes, to make redelivery thereof, for it was not ment that Burbaige' license to arrest shold extend to no other place but to Brest and Conquest. A letter of marque.

A letter to Sir Walter Mildmay, knight, &c., that whereas Thomas Mychell offereth to prove that certen money hath ben heretofore allowed to Sir Valentine Browne, knight, upon the pay of the soldiours of Guisnes, which he never aunswered to the parties, he wold take paines to here what the said Michell could say, and upon view and examinacion of the accompte to advertise theyr Lordships what he shall finde and of his opinyon, &c. Sir V. Browne's defalcations.

A letter to the Lord Wentworth and other Commissioners appointed by her Majesties Letters Patentes for the examinacion of felons and other like offendors, apon receipt of the said Commission to assemble themselves toguithers, and to advise upon some orders mete to be set downe and observid for their proceding therein acording to the trust reposed in them. A Royal Commission.

A letter to the Master of the Rolls, Mr. Attorney and Solicitour Generall sending them certein examinacions touching lewd wordes which one John Bagshott shold have spoken touching the Queen's Majestie, and bycause the tyme of his triall was past acording to the ordinary course of the p. 103. Lewd words.

lawes, being but one sufficient witnes to prove the same, they are required to examyne the matter better; and because their Lordships thinke it not mete that suche a matter, if it were true, shold be left unpunyshed, they shold certifie their opinyons what is further to be donne.

The Master of the Posts.

A letter to Mr. Justice Southcote, Mr. Justice Gawdye and Mr. Sollicitour Generall, sending unto them a letter from the Lord Cobham, and certen articles exhibited to their Lordships on the behalf of Thomas Randolphe, esquier, Master of the Postes and farmer of her Majesties manour of Myltons, touching certen mysdemeanors of sundry inhabitauntes of the towne of Sittingborne in Kent, which they are willed to examyne and advertise, &c.

At Hampton Coourte, the xviijth of November, 1576.

The Lord Tresourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Tresourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The Admiralty Court.

Two letters of assistaunce to proces graunted out of the Courte of thadmiraltie upon the said Judges letter to Sir Edward Maunsell and others for the apprehencion of John Callis and others having spoiled certen French shippes.

English merchants in the Low Countries.

A letter to Mr. Doctour Wilson, presently for her Majesties affaires in Flaunders, to deale for the merchauntes remayninge at Bruges and Andwerp, &c., acording to the minute remayninge in the Councell Chest.

Another to the said Mr. Doctour Wilson that whereas one Robson, her Majesties subject, hath ben spoiled heretofore by one Mounsieur de Billye, Governor of Groningen and West Friseland, whereof, notwithstanding her Majesties former letters to the late Comendadour and his to the said Billye, no restitucion hath ensued, he shold enquire whither the said Bellye hold now with the Estates or no, and if he

do then to procure their letter for his satisfaction; if he do not then to inquere of what places shippes being under his goverment use to repaire hither, that their Lorhships may take furder order.

A note sent to the Lord Keper of certen persons to be put out of the Commission of the Peace because their Lordships be certified from the Buisshoppes that they cume not to the churche, which note remayneth in the Councell Chest. p. 104. Recusant magistrates.

A letter to the President and rest of the Colledge of the Phisitions in London to admitte Doctour Jhesoppe to be of their Colledge. The College of Physicians.

A letter to the Lord Keper, with a letter inclosed from the Earle of Derby and others to their Lordships, signifieng what they had donne in the examynacion of a complainte exhibited here against Sir John Holcroft, knight, for the inclosing a common, by one John Latwise and others; and becawse the said Latewise desired to have a Commyssion to examyne certen witnesses, their Lordships desire that upon consideracion of the peticion which the said Letwise was to exhibite to his Lordship he wold graunt him such favour as in lawe he may. Enclosure of a common.

At Hampton Coourte, the xixth of November, 1576.

Thapparaunces as before.

A warraunt to the Warden of the Fleete to release William Fletewoode, Recorder of London. The Recorder in the Fleet.

The like for the releasinge of William Bromfield and William Worlington, two of the Gentlemen Pencioners.

A letter to the Lord Deputie of Ireland in the favour of one Mr. Wingefielde.

At Hampton Coourte, the xxvth of November, 1576.

The Lord Keper.	Mr. Tresourer.
The Lord Tresourer.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Bedford.	

Suspected Papists.

A warraunt to the Tresourer and Chamberlaines of thexchequier to pay to Gilbert Knell of Sandwich the sum of v^{li} viij^{s} viij^{d} for the bringing up certein prisoners taken upon suspicion of poperie.

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The rate of exchange.

A letter to Sir Thomas Chamberlaine, Sir Thomas Gressham, knightes, Peter Osburne, James Altham, James Ryvet, esquiers, and Richard Marten, Warden of her Majesties Mynte, to call certein merchauntes straingers before them named in a scedule inclosed, and to consider what they could say against those orders as by her Majesties Proclamacion was set downe for matters of exchainge and rechainge, acording to the mynute remayning in the Councell Chest.

A private dispute.

A letter to Sir Henry Nevell, knight, William Dunche and Roger Yong, esquiers, to heare and ende a matter in controversie betwene Sir Robert Doilie, knight, and John Marmeon, gentleman, to whom the said parties here were contented to comytte the matter, and therefore they either to compound it withe (*sic*) consent of both parties, or to advertise; therwithall was sent inclosed the copy of the said Marmeon's complaintes and Sir Robert Doilie's aunswer exhibited here.

Rye and Dover harbours.

A letter to Mr. Attorney and Sollicitour Generall with the assistaunce of Mr. Justice Manwoode to consider of a draught of a Commyssion for the repayring of the havens of Rye and Dover, and to send the same engrossed hither under their handes to be preferred under (*sic*) unto her Majesties signeture.

A mercantile case.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles and Mr. Judge of thadmiraltie that where by their letter of the xixth to Mr. Secretarye that they could not well certifie their opinyons in a controversie betwene the Merchauntes Adventurers and certen merchauntes of Spaine onles they had hearde the matter first debated by the parties' lernid counsell, their Lordships misliked not that copye of the examinacions of Sir William Winter and Robert Beale, whom by former letters they were willed to examine as privey to

that cawse, shold be delivered to eche partie and their lernid counsell here; and thereupon they to certifie their opinions, and herein their Lordships desired them to use the more expedicion becawse the Spaniardes were said to be poore men, [and] were sumwhat importunate upon their Lordships to have the matter endid.

Post horses.

A placard for Robert Bowes, esquier, Thresorer of Barwicke, for the taking up of post horses and cariages when he shall have occasion to repaire into any the shieres there adjoyninge for the receavinge of any receiptes, and from thence backe againe to the said towne of Barwick.

The detained Dutch merchants in London and the West. p. 106.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London that whereas by letters of the xixth of August last the Lords gave order for the staying and arresting of all such merchauntes of Holland and Zeland as were remayning within the Citee, whereupon the said merchauntes gave in sureties' bandes for their bodies and goodes, and whereas the said merchauntes have made their humble peticions unto the Lords to be released of their said bandes, he is required to call for the said bandes and to cancell them, setting the merchauntes aforesaid at libertie.

A letter to the Viceadmirall of Cornewall that whereas by order from their Lordships there were committed to the keping of one John Stowell, gentleman, fower captens of the Flusshingers and diverse others stayed at Falmowth, who, after they had expended in his howse to the some of lxxiij^{li} xvij^{s}, were by like order from the Lords released thence, leaving the said somme unpaide; forasmuch as the said Stowell hath made his humble suite unto the Lords to have delivered unto him certaine leade remayning in the handes of the said Viceadmirall, and appertayninge unto the Flusshingers, untill suche tyme as he might be satisfied of the said debt, he is required to deliver the said leade unto Stowell, taking bandes of him to her Majesties use that the same shalbe furthcomynge till furder order shalbe taken by the Lords therein.

At Hampton Coourte, the xxixth of November, 1576.

The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Tresourer.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Arrest of a pirate.

A letter to the Mayour of Poole that where the Lords are given tunderstand that there is one Robert Trosher, a notable pirat, staied and arrested by the Comptroller and Customer of that porte, he is required to take order for the safe sendinge of him to Mr. Secretary Walsingham, and to make choice of some soche person to take the charge of the bringing of him that he be not permytted to have conference with any person by the way.

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The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Tresourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A young convert.

A letter to the Archebisshopp of Caunterbury that where he writeth unto the Lords that yong Sherley, whom of late they sent unto him, is become very conformable and that there is good hope of the continuance thereof, for which cause, and for that the said Sherley hath necessary businesse to be dispatched, he thinketh it convenient to have him released, he is required to dismysse him, and to have him appointed at tymes to repaire unto the Bishop to take a view of his disposicion that way.

The Marshalsea.

A letter to the Knight Marshall that where by order from the Lords there were committed to his charge one Fraunces Pole, servant unto yong Sherley, and one Humfrey Benbowe, servant unto Mr. Cotton, he is required furthwith to set them at libertie, taking their owne bandes of them for their furthcomynge at all tymes when it shalbe hereafter required.

A letter to Sir Arthur Champernone, knight, that whereas by a Supplicacion exhibited to the Lords by one Thomas Seymour of Dartemowth they are given tunderstand that a shippe of the said Seymour laden with salt was in August last taken by certaine Britons, and is still detayned there upon pretence that one Fraunces Ellyott of Brest meaneth thereby to be recompenced of a shippe and goodes of his taken by a piratte, and after bought by one Robert Shaple of Dartemowth of one Franckelin, for the which as they are informed he paid the some of lx^{li}; he is therefore required to call the said Shaple before him, and if it shall by examinacion appere that he hathe bought the said shippe for the some aforesaid and (*sic*) to will him as so directed from them, that seeing the pore man's shippe is only staied in those parts of Britaigne for that cause and that the sayde Shaple hath made one or two very profitable voyages with the said shippe, to deliver backe the said shippe to Seymour at the price he bought her for, with all her apparell, lading and furniture to her belonging at the tyme of the buyeng of the same, to thintent that upon restitucion thereof the poore man may receave his owne shippe againe. Reprisals.

At Hampton Coourte, the second of December, 1576. p. 108.

The Lord Admirall.	Thearle of Bedford.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to the Prince of Orenge in the behalf of the merchauntes of Ippeswiche, acording to the minute remayninge in the Councell Chest. The Prince of Orange.

A letter to the Archebuisshop of Caunterburye that whereas by Letters Patentes from the Queen's Majestie for the repayringe of the haven of Colliton there had ben letters directed from his predecessors to the Buisshoprickes of that Province to give order for the collection of certaine Defalcations.

somes of money, which after suche collections made were to be delivered to Thomas Weston and William Morryce, appointed Generall Recevours for the same; forasmuche as the said Weston and Morrice are charged to have recevid greater somes of money then by their accomptes may appere, he is required to direct his letters to all the Buisshoppes under his jurisdiction, and to require them to send unto him a boke of all such somes of money as have been collected within every Diocese and delivered to the said Weston and Morrice, which, when he shall have receaved, to send it unto the Lords.

The Commission of the Peace.

A letter to the Lord Keper for the putting of Thomas Townesend and Marten Barney in the Commission of the Peace for Norffolk, notwithstanding a note lately sent unto him for the putting of them out because their Lordships were certified that they cume not to the churche, by reason their Lordships were now advertised of the contrary.

The insurance question.

A letter to the Lord Mayour to call certein arbitratours before him, which in his predecessors tyme were chosen for the compoundinge of a controversye for matters of assuraunce betwene Doctour Hectour and certein merchauntes of the Citee, and to commaund the said arbitratours to give sentence, orels to advertise hither the cause to the contrary.

A fray.

A warraunt to the Knight Marshall to set at libertie two servantes of Mr. Buckler's, one of the Gentlemen Pentioners, lately committed for a fray betwene them and William Bromfield and William Worlington, two Gentlemen Pencioners.

A family dispute.

A letter to Sir William Babington, knight, and Thomas Dutton, esquier, for the compounding of a matter in controversye betwene Thomas Wayman, the yonger, esquier, and Thomas Wayman, thelder, his uncle, acording to the mynute remayninge in the Chest.

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The detained Dutch ships.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie to examyne certen newe proofes which sithe the last examinacion William Symondes enformeth their Lordships to have cume by against

the iiij^{or} shippes of Flusshinge stayed in the West Countrey, and to advertise his opynyon of what validitee they be in lawe.

The Rickmansworth case.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles and Mr. Sollicitour Generall, and either of them, that whereas an agrement was made betwene one Ryvett and Sexe, as appered by certen articles thereof sent inclosed; forasmuche as before Sexe shold be put in possession certein thinges were to be performed on eche partie in suche sorte as the said Master of the Rolles and Mr. Sollicitour, or either of them, shold like of, that they wold take sume paynes to see those pointes of agrement perfited; and, afterwardes, as so specially directed from their Lordships, to write to Sir George Peckham to put Sexe in quiett possession, acording to the meanyng of the said agrement and their Lordships' former letters heretofore sent unto him and others thereaboutes.

Provision for the Queen's Household.

A letter to the Commissioners for the Restrainte of Corne and Victells in the countie of Suffolk to suffer ——— Campion, or the bringer hereof in his name, to transport from Ipsewich vj^{c} quarters of malt, ij^{c} quarters of course wheate, and ij^{c} quarters of otes for beare corne, for the provision of her Majesties Howsehold, which he enformeth to have bought of certen persons of Berry and Ipsewich, taking his bandes that he shall bring the same to London, and for the discharge of the same to retorne a certificat from Mr. Treasourer and Mr. Comptroller; and further are willed to gyve notice hereof to the Customers of the places where it shalbe embarked to suffer the same to passe, and to take good heede that under colour thereof no more passe then is before mencioned.

At Hampton Coourte, the iiijth of December, 1576. p. 110.

Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A Welsh dispute.

A letter to Sir Andrew Corbet, knight, Vicepresident, and the rest of her Majesties Counsell in the Marches of Wales, that whereas a certein informacion, the copye whereof remaynethe in the Councell Chest, hath ben exhibited here in the behalf of John Winne ap Meredeth, and Hugh his sonne, against Thomas Powell, esquier, and Justice of Peace in the countye of Salop, they shold cause the matter to be examyned, and soche order taken as that the said parties might quietlye enjoye that which belongeth unto them.

The wine trade.

A letter to the Lord Tresourer that forasmuche as their Lordships thought it very convenient that the late Proclamacion for Wines shold be observed, his Lordship shold give order that when the merchauntes of wines ment to make their entries and to put in bandes for the aunswering of the custome, they shold also put in bandes that they shold kepe the rates appointed in the said Proclamacion and not sell above.

At Hampton Coourte, the vijth of December, 1576.

Signed by :—

Mr. Treasourer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Arrest of a pirate.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie touching one Tresher (*sic*) sent up from the Mayour of Poole, and charged to have been a companion of John Callis, a notorious piratt, to examyne him upon soche matter as he knoweth they have been heretofore by sundrye complaintes charged with, and to retorne an aunswer to their Lordships what he shall have founde.

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At Hampton Coourte, the ixth of December, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.
Thearle of Warwicke.
Thearle of Bedford.
Thearle of Leicester.
Mr. Treasourer.
Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to the Sherif of Kent to receve of the bearer the parson (*sic*) of one John Paramore to remaine in safe custodie till the next Quarter Sessions, and then to be brought thither to be further ordered as Mr. Justice Manwoode and other Justices of Peace which are aquainted with the qualitee of his offence shall judge and be agreable with lawe. An arrest.

The same day their Lordships' plesure was that whereas they had before committed the hearing of a matter in controversye betwene the towne of Dover and citee of Hamborough and towne of Dunkirke in Flaunders about certein writtes of *withernam* put in execucion by them of Dover to Mr. Justices Southcote and Manwoode, the Judge of thadmiraltie and Mr. Doctour Awbrey, their aunswer which they retorned and was redd before their Lordships shold be inserted among the Recordes of the Councell Booke, which foloweth word for word:— The writ of *withernam*.

Our dueties unto your good Lordships moost humbly remembred, having recevid your Lordships' letters touching the severall complaintes of certein of the Stilliard and of the towne of Dunkerke against the towne of Dover for ij writtes of *withernams*, thone executed against certein persons of Dunkerke aforesaid, and thother against a skipper of Hamborough, requireng us thereby to call the said parties before us and to here and examyne throughlie the said matters, and thereupon to signifie our doinges and opinyons therein unto your Lordships; it may please the same to be advertised that we acording have had the said parties before us, and, as touching them of the Stilliard, we have hard what eche partie and their counsaille could say therein; and albeit the Cinque Portes by their liberties and customes confirmed by her Majestie and her progenitors, and also by Actes of Parliament, have of auncient tymes used, after certen processes of admonicions, to graunt writtes of *withernams, propter denegatam justiciam*, aswell againste subjectes of this realme as also against the subjectes of the Princes of the other side, as, namelye, in the domynyons of Fraunce and in the Lowe

Countreis, being the domynions of the King of Spaine; nevertheles, we finde not that they of the Cinque Portes have put in ure any such processe of *withernam* either against any of Hamborough or of any other place of the Stedes or Confederatte Citties of the Hanze, and therefore we be of opinyon that unlesse further matter can be showid then yet
p. 112. hath been, the said writtes of *withernam* ought not to be used against the inhabitauntes of Hamborough or other places priviledged of the Hanze or Stilliarde; and as for them of Dunkirke, we have lickewise harde them and their counsaile at good leingthe, and finding their request and difference in this matter to depend only upon the interpretacion of an article of the intercourse which hath long depended dowbtfull betwene the Princes, and yet debated and called in question in sundry diettes and colloquies for other matters of importaunce of the like nature, we cannot resolve ourselves to be of opynyon that those of that towne of Dunkerke that are in prison at Dover in this matter ought to be delivered, unles some order be taken for the satisfieng of the resiaunt of Dover for whose cause they are comitted.

A letter thereupon to the Lord Cobham, Lord Warden of the Five Portes, to signifie unto the Portes that, acording to the said letter, they shold not hereafter put in ure any soche writtes against any the Steedes of the Hanze, and further they of Dover shold release and set at libertie a skipper of Hamboroughe whom they had emprisoned thereabout.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie to take sufficient caution, soche as he shall like of, of those of the towne of Dunkerke that folowed the matter of *withernam* here against them of Dover, first, that if the debt were proved to be dew and evicted by lawe in Dunkerke, then it shold be paid unto the partie of Dover clayminge it without any gainesayinge, or suffer any seasure or arrest to be made thereof by any third person; secondly, that the partie whom they

of Dover shold send thither for that purpose might sollicite and prosecute his cause with all quietnes, without dainger of his life or other empechement to the contrarie; and, thirdlye, that the said persons of Dunkerk shold undertake that within sixe monithes next after the arrivall of any soche sollicitor in Dunkerk to followe the cawse, sentence shold be given diffinitivelie; which being performed the said Judge shold certifie their Lordships that they might take order for the release of soche of Dunkerk as are emprysoned about the said cause.

A pasport for Anthony Le Febur, George Dixe and Vincent De Wachter, inhabitauntes of the said towne of Dunkerke, which had ben here a while about these matters, to repaire home. Passports.

The same day apon the exhibition of certen articles by sum of the Merchauntes Adventurers touching soche agrement as had lately passed betwene them and one Jacques Taffin, latelye sent hither from the Prince of Orenge, it was first by their Lordshippes thought convenient and so ordered that whereas upon occasion of former arrestes of certein shippes and goodes belonging to her Majesties subjectes by order from the Prince of Orange and the States of Holland there have ben exacted certein loanes of money, partelie alredie disbursed by her said subjectes and partelie due by obligacions given by Martin Caltrop and Richard Goddard for the same to be paid hereafter at such tymes and termes as are specified in the said obligacions; whereupon hath risen no small offence justelie conceavid by her Majestie against the Prince and the said States as havinge thereby susteined no small touche in honor, as also her said subjectes by meanes thereof greatly damnified; forasmuche as therefore the said Prince and States have been content, as appereth by his instructions given unto one Jacques Taffin sent hither unto her Majestie, to referre the whole to her gracious consideracion to order and dispose thereof as shall seeme best to her Highnes' wisdome and clemencie, her Majestie doth therefore Difficulties with the Dutch. p. 113.

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order that for all soche somes of money as the said Prince hath alredie receivid of her said merchauntes, the said Prince shall cause to be deliverid to the said merchauntes, or their deputies, the bandes of the States of Holland and Zelland for repaiment of the same at suche tyme as is agreed upon betwene the said merchauntes and Jacques Taffin, Minister for the said Prince; and as for all such contractes and bandes as have ben made to the said Prince by the said Martin Caltrop and Richard Goddard for the release of their said shippes and goodes which were staied in Zelland as is aforesaid, and are yet remayning in the said Princes handes, the same shalbe deliverid to the said merchauntes, or their lawfull deputies thereunto appoinetid, and sent thither as (*sic*) soche tymes as shalbe by the said parties agreed on.

Secondlie, where there is depending, aswell before their Lordships as by their order before the Master of the Rolles and Judge of thadmiraltie, a certen matter in controversie betwene the Company of the Merchauntes Adventurers or suche merchauntes of the said Companie as were laders and owners of the shippes and goodes lately staied at Flusshing and certein other merchauntes, her Majesties subjectes, traffiequing into Spaine and Portingalle, touching the repaiment of a certen somme of money which was exacted upon the said Spanishe merchantes by the Prince of Orenge, and is alleadged by them was promised in Zelland by Martin Caltrop and Richard Goddard, then Commissioners from the said Cumpany or merchantes laders, to be repaied in London apon assignacion to be made over by the said Prince to the said Merchauntes Adventurers, for which cause it is said the said merchantes of Spaine surseased their furder sute; their Lordships have, for a finall ende, ordered that incase the matter shall not be determined by the said Master of the Rolles and Judge of thadmiraltie by reason of any exception that any of the parties may lawfully make therein, then order shalbe taken that a more sufficient Commission under the Greate Seale of England shalbe directed to soche

persons as their Lordships by vertue of the said Commission shall like of, which shall have aucthorite to consider of the matter and procede *summarie et de plano*, according to lawe and justice; and in case it be found by them that the said Merchauntes Adventurers or laders ought to aunswer the said somme claimed by the Spanishe merchauntes, then it is lickewise ordered that the said Merchauntes Adventurers or laders shall repaie the same to the said Spanishe merchauntes within the terme of three monithes next imediatlie ensuinge the judgement and determinacion of the said Commissioners; but if, on thother side, it shalbe by them ordered that the said Merchauntes Adventurers or laders are not to be charged with the paiment of the same money, but that the same is to be required and repaied at the Princes handes, it is ordered by their Lordships that the Spanishe marchauntes shall content themselfes to be repaied in the terme of two yeres, in soche sorte as is agreed upon betwene the said Merchauntes Adventurers and Jacques Taffin, Commissioner deputed for the said Prince for all soche sommes as have ben paide unto the said Prince aswell by the Merchauntes Adventurers as by the said Spanishe merchauntes, in suche sorte as the said somes may be recoverid either in parte or in whole, acording to the tenor of the obligacions which are in that respect to be be passed from the States of Holland and Zelland unto the Companie of the Merchauntes Adventurers, both for the assuraunce of soche some or somes as are properly dewe either to the said Cumpanye or any member of the same, as also for the somme which is dewe to the said Spanishe merchantes; and upon the repayment and recoverie of the said whole debt conteyned in the said bande, or any parte thereof, hereafter to be made to the Merchauntes Adventurers acording to the said bandes, the merchauntes of Spaine shall ratablie be admitted with the Companye of the Merchauntes Adventurers, or any of them, to a dividend of so moche thereof as their parte shall for the receipt and tyme amounte unto.

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p. 114. At Hampton Coourte, the xjth of December, 1576.

The Lord Tresourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A Kentish criminal. A letter to the Knight Marshall to deliver to Raphe Hide, Clerke of the Peace of the countie of Kent, the person of John Paramore, lately comitted unto his charge, to be by him caried downe and delivered to the Sherif of Kent.

The Marshal of Berwick. A letter to Sir Robert Bowier (*sic*), Treasourer of her Majesties towne of Barwicke, that whereas Sir Robert Cunstable, knight, Mershall of the said towne, hath enformed that he is unpaide of his entertainement for a certen tyme at the beginning of his entraunce into office, the said Treasourer sholde examyne, and thereupon of such treasure as remayneth in his hande to content and paye unto him so much as is dew; and where the said Sir Robert hath furder informed that during the exercise of his office there he hath disbursed extraordinarelye for advertisementes and other her Majesties services sundry somes of money, the said Treasourer shold, for soche thinges and charges as hitherto Sir Robert hath ben at, pay unto him the sum of threscore poundes, and this upon his accomptes shold be his sufficient warraunt and discharge in that behalf.

The defences of Hull. A letter to therle of Huntington, Lord President in the North, touching a view and survey to be made of the castle and fortes about the towne of Kingston upon Hull, acording to the mynute remayninge in the Councell Chest.

A letter to William Pellam, esquier, Lieutenant of her Majesties Ordenance, at his next going downe into that countrey to repaire thither, advertiseng the Lord President of the tyme when he mindeth to be there, that he may direct sum of skill and judgement to joine with him in the view and survey of the said place, and they to retorne

a particuler certificat of the whole estate of the fortes and castle, toguither with their opinyons touching the thinges demaunded by the inhabitauntes of the said towne, and also a perfect plotte and description of the place.

The writ of *withernam.*

A letter to the Lord Cobham, Lord Warden of the Five Portes, that where their Lordships were advertised from Mr. Wilson, presently for her Majesties affaires in the Lowe Countreis, that sixe inhabitauntes of the towne of Newporte in Flaunders have ben arrested at Sandwich by writtes of *withernam* and after transported to Dover; by reason their Lordships were crediblie informed that the same inconvenience was like to ensue to her Majesties subjectes traffiqquing into those partes, his Lordship shold give order that they shold be released, appon bandes and sureties that within one yere next ensuing they shold procure that the partie dampnified shold have justice at Newport. p. 115.

Labour for vagrants.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London that whereas their Lordships are given tunderstand that the late Lord Mayour, his predecessor, for the avoiding of beggars and vagaboundes had founde meanes to set them a worke in Bridewell and other places about divers handicraftes and other labors, althoughe their [Lordship] doubted not but that he had an intencion to continew so godlye and charitable a devise, yet for that by reason of other waightie affaires it might be forgotten, or by sum slacknes at the first not so well contynewed as their Lordships could desyre, they thought convenient to signifie unto him their good liking of that devise, and so desire him to see the same maineteyned still.

A Jersey case.

A letter to the Jurattes of thisle of Jerzey signifieng the receipt of theirs of the xjth of August, declaring for what cause they could not procede in the matter heretofore recommendid by their Lordships unto them betwene one John Englishe and Hugh Powell (*sic*) by reason of the said Perin's absence ; therefore they are willed, proceding acording to the lawes and customes of the Isle, peremptorilie to cite the said Perin to appere to aunswer the matter, and in default

thereof to procede further, as his continuance and absence shall deserve and may be for the pore man's relief.

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The Lord Tresourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A complaint from Portugal.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie sending unto him enclosed certen writinges sent from the Embassadour of Portingale concerninge a spoile of five hundred and odde kintalles of graynid woode made upon one Fraunces Guillett, a subject of the King his master's and inhabitaunt of thisle of Azores, by John Callice and Simon Fernandes, a borne subject of the said Kinge. The said Judge upon consideracion of the same to direct forth soche processe as he shall thinke mete in lawe, which their Lordships wilbe redie to accompanye with their letters of assistaunce.

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Popish books from Louvain and Douay.

A letter to the Lord Cobham that forasmuche as their Lordships are given tunderstand that sithe the late trobles happenid in the Lowe Countries many of her Majesties lewde and evill disposed subjectes, which heretofore remayned at Lovaine and Dowaie, are secretly cum over bringing with them diverse Popishe bookes and tromperies, his Lordship shold give order that diligent regard and searche might be had in the Five Portes to soche persons as shall cum over and to their stuffe, and to cause any soche suspected persons to be staied and committed to custodie till they shall have advertised either their Lordships or him self what is further to be donne.

A charge of manslaughter in Wales.

A letter to the Vicepresident and Counsell in Wales sending a peticion inclosed, subscribed as it is said by the handes of divers gentlemen of the countie of Denbigh, that wheare one Owen ap Robert havinge slaine one David ap Richard Lloide, and the same being founde but manslaughter,

hath ben acquited by the last Generall Pardon, dwelleth yet among the frindes of the said David and is of insolent and lewde conversacion, so that sume inconvenience is like to ensue to the breache of her Majesties lawes and peace, and therefore desire that he may be removid into sume other places; theyr Lordships require them to cause the matter to be examined and thereupon to take soche order with the said Owen ap Robert as they shall thincke moost convenient for the keping of the peace; and where it is informed that he hath been of late acquited of manslaughter, they cannot do lesse than binde him to the good abearing for a tyme.

A private dispute.

A letter to the Lord Buckhurst, Sir Walter Mildmay, the Master of the Rolles and Sir William Damsell, that where there hath ben brought before them a matter in controversie betwene one Lawrence Hollingsheade on thone side, and Mr. Archedeacon Withers and Thomas Coxe, gentleman, on the other, wherewith as their Lordships are informed the said Lord Buckhurst and Mr. Chauncellour of the Exchequier have ben heretofore acquaineted, their Lordships desire them or any three of them to call both parties before them and to examyne the matter, and in the meane tyme to enjoyne the parties to surcease their further proceding in the Coourte where the matter dependeth, and they also, as so espetially willed by their Lordships, to signifie the same to the officers of the Courte, and when they shall have examined the matter throwghly then to certifie their Lordships what they shall have founde and what their opynyon is, &c.

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The Irish Chancellor.

A letter to the Lord Chauncelour of Ireland signifieng how their Lordships had of late considerid of a note which he sent over of soche casualties as have ben aunswered her Majestie, at which they mervell; and further as is conteyned in the mynute remayninge in the Councell Chest.

Fish Days.

A letter to the Lord Archebisshop of Caunterburye touching the observacion of the Embring and Fyshe Daies, acording to the mynute remayninge in the Chest.

At Hampton Coourte, the xvjth of December, 1576.

The Lord Tresourer. Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwicke. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.

The Lord Mayor's Court.

A letter to the Lord Mayour that where in the monithe of September last past, upon a matter of controversie betwene one Raphe Whitle of the Citee of London and one Williams, there passed a verdict and judgement thereupon given against the said Williams for the somme of lxxx^{li} before Sir Ambrose Nicholas, his predecessor, and by him execucion graunted in that behalf to the said Whitle, which execucion, as their Lordships are informed, hath ben staied by him since his cominge to the Maioraltie; forasmuch as the said Whitle by the meanes of his povertie hath ben constrained to be an humble suter to their Lordships that the same execucion might passe acordinglie, sith by lawe the same hath ben awarded unto him, he is required either to permytte the same Whitle to procede in the said execucion, orels to advertise them what is the cawse why the same shold be staied.

Ludlow school.

A letter to Sir Andrew Corbett, knight, Vicepresident of the Counsell in the Marches of Wales, that whereas theyr Lordships are given tunderstand that of late there is a controversie risen betwene the towne of Ludlowe and one Thorneton, the scolemaster there, whom they go about to put out of that place, without cawse as he saieth, he is required, forasmuch as the man is honest and well affected in Religion, to call the parties before him and to use the best indevour he can that the matter may be brought to some good ende and agreement, orels to advertise their Lordships of the cause, toguither with his opinion.

Difficulties with the Dutch.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie that where their Lordships were given to understand thet certein Hollanders were arrested upon pretence of debtes dew by the Estates to one Ernest Vel Madeslowe, forasmuche as her Majestie, upon earnest sute made here by the said Madeslowe's sollicitour, would in no wise condiscend that any soche

arrest shold be made, that the said Judge shold not only set at libertie and release soche as were now arrested, but also to have a care that the like be not comitted upon any of those partes repayring into this realme.

A letter to the Lord Cobham that where by a letter to Mr. Secretary he desired to understand what shold be come to the Flusshingers that not long sithe were taken by the Queen's shippes and imprysoned at Dover, Sandwich and Caunterburie; forasmuch as sithe thinges in controversie betwene her Majesties subjectes and them were redemed to better order then before, he shold sett at libertie all suche againste whom no action or suite hathe ben hitherto comenced, and the rest to aunswer to lawe. p. 118. The Dutch prisoners.

At Hampton Coourte, the xixth of December, 1576.

The Lord Tresourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.	

A letter to the Customer and Comptrollers of the Portes of London that whereas Mounsieur Taffin hath made request unto their Lordships to permitte him to transporte iiij^{x} harquebuses, with their furnitures, packed up in a letill fatt, they are required to permytte the same quietly to passe, and their Lordships' letters shalbe their warraunt in that behalf. Export of arms.

A letter to the Mayour and Jurattes of Maideston in Kent that where their Lordships are given tunderstand that of late they have made election of one Richard Reve into the office of a cunstable within the towne of Maidestone, who, as their Lordships are informed, is a man of a very disordered lyfe and behaviour, and standeth charged particulerly with sundry his misdemeanours within the said towne, as shall appere unto them at large by a complainte exhibited against him which is sent unto them; and bicause it is not convenient that any person of so notoryous a An improper election.

cryme and corrupt lyfe and disorder shold be admytted to bere office in any place of good governement, also they have thought good to require them, upon the receipt hereof, to examine the matter, and if he shall appeare to be suche a person as he is charged in the said complaint, that then they staye the swearing of him and procede to a newe (*sic*) to the ellection of sum other whom they shall know for his good and behaviour (*sic*) to be a man fitt for that place.

A jury to be punished.

A letter to Mr. Justice Manwoode and the rest of the Justices of the countye of Kent concerninge the punishement of a jurye absolving one Paramour, having used certaine lewde speeches against her Majestie, &c.; and furder, &c., acordinge to the minute remayning, &c.

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At Hampton Coourte, the xxth of December, 1576.

The Lord Keper.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Tresourer.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The Dutch prisoners.

A letter to the Lord Cobham that where Senor Swevingham had ben a sutour to the Lords for the release as well of those of the towne of Newporte in Flaunders arrested at Sandwiche, as also for the other of Dunkerk, remayning all at Dover, and is contentid to take some paines therein himself for the better satisfienge of either partie; he is required after he shall understand of the arrivall of the said Senor Swevingham at London to appointe some conveniente place and tyme of metinge, whereof the said Senor Swevingham may be advertised, and calling unto him for his better assistaunce either Mr. Doctour Dale or the Judge of thadmiraltie, and upon due examynacion of the matter they do their indevour to make some finall ende thereof.

Irregularities in the corn trade.

A letter to Sir Christofer Headon and Sir William Buttes, knightes, that where the Lords are given tunderstand of one Sideney and Daubeney, gentlemen, who, under color of provision of corne to be taken up within that

countie for the furnishing of the Citie of London, have appointed to that ende thereby severall persons under them, who by their abuse in the order of the doing thereof have greatly enhaunced the price of corne, and thereby a great dearth like to folowe, and, further, as their Lordships are informed, notwithstanding the Generall Restrainte made to the contrarie, do pretende to transporte the same into Spaine; they are required presentlye, upon the receipt of their letters, to call before them both the said Sideney and Daubeney, and them to examyne whither they have appointed under them any such nomber for the buyeng of corne, what quantitee of graine they have bought, and whether there be any such dearth within that countye, or like to followe thereby as it is reported, and thereof furthwith to advertise their Lordships; also they are required to declare unto the said Sideney that their Lordships do not a letill mervell that he, being a Customer, shold medle with the buyeng of such grete quantitees of corne, and to what ende he did it.

A letter to the Lord Pagett that where the Lords have recevid his letter concerning certaine coyners of false money, toguither with divers peeces of the said coyne, and upon consideracion thereof have thought it convenient, and do so require his Lordship at the next Quarter Sessions to cause the said coyners to be indicted, and at the Assises folowing to procede against them acording to the lawes of this realme ordeyned in that behalf; and in the meane while he is also required to cause them diligently to be examined, to see yf they can be brought to declare of any others that lewdly practiseth the like. Coiners.

At Hampton Coourte, the —— of December, 1576. p. 120.

The Lord Tresourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The writ of *withernam.*

Whereas upon complainte made unto us of late by the townes of Hamboroughe in Germany, Dunkirk and Newporte in Flaunders, touching tharrest of certaine of thinhabitauntes of the said townes by the Mayour and Jurattes of Dover and Sandwiche, two of the Five Portes, by virtue of a writte of *widernemen*, which said arrestes the said townes do justifie, being warranted as they alleadge so to do by the privileges and auncient customes of the Cinque Portes; forasmuche as upon due examinacion of the matter it appereth that the said townes and portes have not proceaded so orderlye therein and in so good sorte as they might, whereby if there were not remedie taken in tyme there might followe by contrearrestes some grete inconvenience by the interruption of the good amytie and frindeshippe which hath of long tyme contynewed betwene this realme and those countries whereof the said townes are members; it is therefore thought good by the Lordes and others of Counsell, for thavoiding thereof, that from henceforth neither the said towne of Dover or Sandwich, nor any other of the Cinque Portes, proceade to graunt out any writte of *widernemen* against any person not inhabiting within this realme, being the subject of any Prince and State with whom his Majestie is in league or amitie, without the assent of the Lord Warden of the Cinque Portes for the tyme beinge; whereunto before he shall give his consent it shalbe convenient, and therefore so it is ordered, that the Lord Warden shall acquainte from tyme to tyme the Judge of thadmiraltie for the tyme being, either by his letters or otherwise, with the proceadinges of the partie grived who seketh redresse by vertue of the said writte to him, his judgement or opinyon therein, whether the same be sufficient in lawe to induce deniall of justice, having respecte both to the auncient use of the said Portes therein, as also to suche leagues and entercourse as have passed betwene this realme and the Howse of Burgundie and other entries (*sic*), before the graunting of the same writte,

whereby there may be nothing donne contrarie to justice or tending to the violacion of the said leagues and entercourses.

At Hampton Coourte, the xxiijth of December, 1576. p. 121.

The Lord Chamberlaine. Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Leicester. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Tresourer.

Arrest of Popish priests.

A letter to the Lord Ritchie, Lord Darcye, Henry Harvie and Thomas Teye, esquiers, that where the Lords are given tunderstand by their letter and by the relacion of the said Teye of the apprehencion of one Domynicke Vaughan, a masse priest, and Monforde Scott, practiseng to seduce her Majesties people by their lewde perswacions from the doctrine of the Gospell, they are thancked for their carefull and diligent service, and are withall required furthwith to cause the said Vaughan and Scotte to be sent up to the Bishop of Caunterbury and the rest of the Highe Commissioners, with whom there is order given for the receving of them, under safe garde and keping that no person may have conference with them by the way; and for the rest whom they have detected, as well in Essex as within the Citie of London, their Lordships do meane lickewise upon furder examynacion to give order to have them indighted and proceadid withal, acording to the lawes of this realme ordeyned for that purpose.

Captured herrings.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie that whereas upon examynacion of the matter in controversie betwene Salvadour D'Adey, a Spaignard, Captain Hubbard and others, concerning certain busses of hearinges taken from the Flusshingers, some of the parties were desirous to have the matter brought and endid before the Lords of the Counsell; he is required, for that the Lords through other businesse are not to intende the same, to examyne the matter anew and thereupon to make some finall ende thereof acording to lawe and equitie.

Release of a pinnace.

A letter to Sir Christofer Heidon and Sir William Buttes, knightes, Nathaniell Bacon and Raphe Skelton, esquiers, that whereas by order from the Lords there was comitted to their safe keping a pynace belonging unto Henry Carewe, gentleman, wherein one Capten Hubbard had lately servid at the seas under a licence from the late Comendadour, they are required to deliver the said pinace unto the said Henry Carew, taking bandes of him to her Majesties use for his good demeanure hereafter at the seas, both towardes her Majesties subjectes, and also the subjectes of any other Princes and Potentes (*sic*) presentlye in league and amytie with her Majestie.

The Popish priests arrested.

A letter to the Lord Archebisshop of Caunterburie that where of late there hath ben apprehendid in Essex by the Lord Riche, Lord Darcie and others one Dominicke Vaughan, a masse priest, and one Mounford Scotte, who wandring from place to place within this realme have gonne about maliciouslye to seduce her Majesties people from the trueth and doctrine of the Gospell, having since their apprehencion detected diverse both within the Citee of London and also in
p. 122. Essex, as appereth by their examinacions sent herewith unto him, with bookes and other trifles taken about them at the tyme of their apprehencion; forasmuch as the Lordes have given order to have them safely brought up unto him and have lickewise appointed to have them kept from all conference with any person by the way, his Lordship is required that after they shalbe deliverid unto him the like care may be had to see them close kept, and care used in proceding to a new Comyssion and examinacion of them for the furder discoveringe and detecting of such as are and have been factors of this their lewde enterprices, and to advertise their Lordships what he shall have donne herein with diligence.

Sir V. Browne's accounts.

A letter to Mr. Doddington and Mr. Conyers, Auditours of the Presse (*sic*), that whereas they are appointed to take the accomptes of Sir Valentine Browne, knight, who, as the

Lords are informed, hath given his attendaunce for that purpose, and therefore they do gretely mervaile that the same is not finished, they are required to proceade furthwith with all expedicion to the ending thereof, orels to advertise their Lordships for what cause the same is staied, that furder order may therein be taken by them.

At Hampton Coourte, the xxvijth of December, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A magistrate restored.

A letter to the Lord Keper that where it was thought convenient to have Thomas Carew, esquier, upon suspicion of corrupt Religion to be put out of the Commission of Peace, since which tyme a letter being delivered to their Lordships making mention that he, with his wyfe and divers of his famylie, did comunicate upon Maundye Thursday last acording to the order sett downe in the booke of Common Praier, which certificat, for the better triall thereof, was sent to the Archedeacon of London to thende he shold examyne whether it were so or nott; their Lordships, finding the same by thaunswer of the Archedeacon to be true, have thought good to require his Lordship that the said Carew may againe be admitted in the said Commission.

The writ of *withernam*.

A letter to the Lord Cobham that for the avoidenge of all occasion of quarrell and discourtesie that may herein after happen to disturbe and impeche the auncient amitie, league and intercourse that is betwene her Majesties subjectes and those of the Lowe Countreis through the abuse of thexecucion of writtes of *widernemen* which latelie was like to have drawen on some matter of consequence by staie of goodes and merchaundizes of her Majesties subjectes threatened on the other side, if present remedie and order therein had not ben taken; their Lordships have sett downe

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an Order which they thinke convenient to have observid within the liberties of the Five Portes, and therefore do require his Lordship that the same may be recorded within his office, and severall copies thereof to be sent to the Portes, unto whom he is to signifie their Lordships' desire to have the same duelye kept and observed.

Libels in Norwich.

A letter to the Buisshop and Mayour of Norwiche that whereas their Lordships are informed that of late certaine infamous libells have ben caste abroode within their towne against Mr. Doctour Gardiner, Deane of the same, and one of her Majesties Chapleins and others, since which hath ben apprehendid certaine persons vehemently suspected to be the doers thereof, as namely; Thomas Buttes, George Keate, Stephen Limbert, Thomas Robertes, Richard Garton, George Fen, Hughe Brewer and Robert Feake, they are required to cause them to be substancially examyned, and their examinacion, toguither with all such infamous bookes and libells as have ben so published, to be sent unto their Lordships by the said Mr. Doctour Gardiner, that upon the sight thereof they may appointe furder order to be taken therein.

The imprisoned Flemings.

A letter to the Lord Cobham that where their Lordships are given to understand by his letters directed to Mr. Secretary Walsingham that the matter is compounded betwene those of Dover and Dunkerk, he is required presently upon the receipt hereof to set the parties of Dunkerk remayninge prisoners at Dover at libertie; and when the parties of Sandwich and Newport shall have growen to the like issue and agrement in the matter of contencion and controversie betwene them, to see them lickewise dismissed.

At Hampton Coourte, the xxviijth of December, 1576.

The Lord Tresourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.	

A letter to the Mayour and other officers of the porte of Bristowe that where their Lordships are given tunderstand that one Pierre Chambellom, merchaunt of Rouen, hath had of late a shippe of his called La Bende, laden with divers kindes of goodes and merchaundizes, taken from him by a piratte, and havinge recovered the bare hull of the same hath made sute to their Lordships to be permitted to make his provision there of all thinges necessarie for the rigginge of the same for a voiadge to be made to the Newfonde Landes; they are required not only to suffer him to buy suche parcells of every kinde for the necessarie furnishinge of his said shippe fitt for the same, with a competent proporcion of victuels for the accomplishinge of his said voiage at prices resonable, but also to lende them their lawfull assistaunce therein. Piracy.

* Thappaurances as before, saving the Lord Tresourer and Mr. Tresourer. p. 124.

A pasport to all officers to suffer David Chalmours, Hughe Neving, Alexander Dunloipe and others of their cumpanye, being Scottishemen, to passe by the way of Barwick into Scotland on foote, or if they shall so require at their handes to helpe them to horses from place to place at prices reasonable. Passports for Scots.

A letter to Sir William Babington, knight, that whereas their Lordships understand that notwithstanding their former letters to him and Thomas Dutton, esquier, for the ending of a matter in controversie betwene two Waymans, the uncle and neview, they have not yet mett and so nothing had ben donne; forasmuche as their Lordships are informed that the pore tenantes, being dispossessed by yong Wayman to the nomber of xxvj persons, remaine in pitifull estate, not knowinge how to relieve themselfes, their pore wifes and familie, the said Sir William is required furthwith, as sone A family quarrel.

* No date given.

as he conveniently may, to appointe some meting with the said Mr. Dutton, and there although by yong Wayman's absence they shall not procede in the principall matter, joynetly to examine the cause and manner of the expulsion of the pore tenantes, and to advertise hither; with a *post-script* that incase upon examinacion it shold be found that they were wrongfully and contrary to lawe dispossessed, then they acording to the Statutes shold see them restored to the former possession, there to remayne till the whole matter shold be otherwise ordered.

Fish Days. The same day were signed by their Lordships sundry letters to the Sheriffes and Justices of Peace in eche shiere of the realme for the observacion of fishe daies, acording to a minute and note remayninge in the Councell Chest.

A letter to the Deane of Yorke touching the same matter, acording to a minute remayninge also in the Chest.

A safe-conduct for a ship. A placard comaunding as well all her Majesties subjectes as presently are upon the seas, as also soche as serve under other Princes being in amitie and league with her Majestie, to suffer a small barke of Marselles named the Catherine, whereof one Peron Alhand is master, being laden with merchaundizes of Province appertayninge to certen subjectes of the Frenche Kinge and appointed to be brought to London, quietlye and safelie to passe by them without any hurte or lett to the contrarie, but rather to helpe them for their money with *——— and other thinges which they shall have nede of for the better accomplishement of their voiadge.

p. 125. At Hampton Coourte, the second of January, 1576.

Signed :—

The Lord Tresourer. Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Chamberlaine. Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Warwick.

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The wine trade.

A letter to the Customers of the Porte of London that where their Lordships being desyrous to understand what quantitee of wines hath of late ben brought into the Citee of London, aswell by merchauntes as by the vinteners of that Cytee, they are required furthwith upon the receipt of their letters to deliver to the Lord Mayour a certificat of the names of the persons and quantitees that are and have ben brought in since this last vintage.

A letter to the Lord Mayour that whereas by her Majesties Proclamacion, published to that purpose, order hath ben taken that no wines growen within the French Kinges domynions should be sold within this realme above the price of x^{li} the tonne, which notwithstanding, as their Lordships are informed, the true meaning of the said Proclamacion is not so observed as were requisite in that behalf it shold be, order therefore is given to the Customers of the said Porte of London to send forthwith unto him a certificat of the names of the persons, both merchauntes and vinteners, as have brought any wines into the said Citee; which when he shall have recevid, to call the persons before him, to informe himself how they have bestowed the said wines and to what persons they have sold yt, and what quantitee is yet remayninge, and thereof to advertise their Lordships. Also, he is required to have a speciall care that the true meaninge of the said Proclamacion may be in all respectes observed.

Frauds on the revenue.

A letter to the Mayour of Plymowth that whereas their Lordships are given tunderstand that one Evan Le Gaulx, merchant of the towne of Guynyan in Britaine, arryving in that porte with xiij peces of linnen clothe, where he pretendinge sale of the same paide only but custome for vj, thinkinge thereby to have defrauded her Majestie of the custome of the other vij; which being discovered by one John Harvie of the said towne, seazure hath ben made of the same and they, acording to the lawes of the realme, confiscate; forasmuche as the French Embassadour hath been a sutor of her Majestie in the behalf of the said Le Gaulx,

p. 126. they are required to permitte him at some resonable price to buye againe the said vij pieces so forfaicted; and incase he shall prove unto him that Harvie aforesaid hath ben the cause of concealing of the said peeces, they thincke it convenient that not only they permytt the said Le Gaulx so injured to take his remedie against the said Harvie, but also to assiste him by all good meanes they can both to have justice and execucion for the better recoverie of his losses against the said Harvie.

At Hampton Coourte, the iiijth of Januarie, 1576.

The Lord Tresourer.	Mr. Tresourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.	

The Game Laws in Norfolk.

A letter to the Justices of Peace which shalbe assembled at the next Quarter Sessions in the countie of Norfolke to examine suche persons as the bearer shall give them informacion of which have of late riotously entred and hunted in Atleboroghe Parke, belonging to the Lord Chamberlaine, where a man hath been hurte, and in Rysing Parke, belonging to the Lord Paget, and in certen grounde apperteyninge to the Earle of Surrey, and to procede against suche as shalbe founde offendours acording to the lawes of the realme, and to binde them to suche good abering till they shall see cause to the contrarie.

The export of gold.

A letter to the Master and Warden of the Company of the Goldsmithes that whereas their Lordships were informed that of late grete somes and quantitees of gold were conveyed out of the realme by merchantes straingers, which it is saide they have of certen goldsmithes, who by themselves and their servantes gett them for the said straingers; the said Master and Wardens shall call suche goldsmithes as they shall thinke to use that trade and to examine them and their servantes, and further take a view of their boox (*sic*)

of accomptes what sommes have been by them deliverid to any soche straingers, and to advertise.

Troubles in Essex.

A letter to Sir Owen Hopton, knight, Lieutenant of the Tower, Mr. Attorney and Sollicitour Generall and Thomas Randolphe, esquier, that where their Lordships in August last beinge given tunderstand a comotion intendid by certen lewd persons in the countie of Essex, they then required Sir Thomas Lucas, Sir William Walgrave and others to examine the matter there, and also to send up one John Neuton and Mathewe Tetloe who were suspected to have been the chefest doers therein; forasmuche as their Lordships' desire is to have the matter throughlye examined that justice maye ensewe, their said Lordships have thought p. 127. convenient to send them the letters of the said Justices of Peace, toguither with suche examinacions as were then taken, and to require them to examine the said Newton and Petloe (*sic*), and afterwardes Mr. Attorney and Sollicitour, or either of them, to consider what lawe is in the said case and to advertise their opinion.

The cloth trade.

A letter to Sir John Thinne, Sir Walter Hungerford and others, that whereas their Lordships had heretofore written certein letters unto them in the behalf of one Peter Blackborowgh, wherein they had yet donne nothinge and so [he] is retornid hither to seke for sum relief; they are required at the next Quarter Sessions to consider of the contentes of the same, and either accomplishe their Lordships' request, orels certifie what causes they have to the contrarye.

At Hampton Coourte, the vjth of Januarie, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer.	Thearle of Bedford.
The Lord Admirall.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Tresourer.
Thearle of Arundell.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwicke.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The Council in the North.

A letter to therle of Huntington, Lord President, and to the rest of her Majesties Counsell established in the Northe Partes, concerning Browne and others, &c., acording to the mynute remayninge in the Councell Chest.

Provisions for Ireland.

A placard for Robert Woodford, servant to the Lord Deputie of Ireland and appointed to make provision of victells for the guarrison of that realme, to provide ij^{c} quarters of malt in the countie of Glocester; they are also required to see him served of post horses, cariages and shippinge.

The like for ij^{c} quarters of malt in the countie of Chester.

The like in the counties of Suffolk and Norfolke for xx^{ti} waies of chese and xx barrels of butter.

The like for the same quantitee of butter and cheese in London, and furder for brewing vessels and a certein quantitee of hoppes.

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At Hampton Coourte, the vijth of Januarye, 1576.

The Lord Tresourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Bedforde.	

Provisions for Bristol.

Two letters, the one into Somerset shiere, the other into Glocester shiere, directed to the Commissioners appoineted for the Restrainte of Transporting of Graine and Victuells, to permitte the towne of Bristowe to take up certaine quantitees of graine for the provision of the same, &c., acording to the mynute in the Councell Chest.

A letter to the Mayour of Bristoll willinge and commaundinge him that under colour of provision to be made for the towne that no graine or victuell be transported from thence into any parte beyonde the seas.

The Merchant Taylors' Company.

A letter to the Master and Wardens of the Company of the Merchaunt Tailours that whereas certaine her Majesties Justices of the Common Benche, piteing the long and difficulte suite depending before them betwene John Eden and John Toppe, men of their Cumpanye, did the last Trinitie Terme by their writing unto them frindelie admonishe them to call both parties before them, and upon the hearing of the matter in controversie betwene them, acording to a former submission made unto them, to ende the said controversie, which their frindelye admonicion notwithstanding, the Lords are informed that they have refused to medle therein; forasmuch as the frindelye admonicion of the said Justices tendeth onlye to the ending of the said sute, partelye occasioned by some of them, they are required to do their indevours to ende the said cawse in suche order as the said Justices have admonished them, that no furder complainte be made in that behalf, orels to advertise their Lordships why the same can not be brought to an ende, that thereupon furder order may be taken therein as their Lordships shall thincke convenient.

At Hampton Coourte the ixth of Januarie, 1576. p. 129.

The Lord Tresourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Warwick.	

An impudent fraud.

A letter to the Mayour of Southampton that where there hath ben certein lewd brutes spred by one Pawle Eliotte of that towne that the Queen's Majestie, pretending to leave (*sic*) the thirds of every man's goodes within this realme, had sent certen promoters, as he termed them, who had ben in that shiere and taken away from divers men pannes, brasse pottes, pewter vessell, hattes and suche like, constrayninge the people to agree with them for the recovering of their goodes againe; he is required furthwith

upon the receipt of their Lordships' letters to committe the said Pawle, and to examyne him whence he had those said brutes and to what ende he published them, and if he shall finde the same to procede from any other, then to committe them also and examine, and their examinacions taken to send unto their Lordships.

Dissatisfaction with the Government.

A letter to Sir Henry Nevill, knight, and Mr. Cofferer that whereas one William Lendol of Reading hath very latelye exhibited unto the Queen's Majestie a Supplicacion in the which he declareth greatly to mislike in divers pointes with the government of the present state of the realme, tending as it seameth to some seed of rebellion; forasmuch as it appereth by the insufficiencie of the man that the same procedeth not onlye from himself, but that by likelihoode there are some others of furder reache then he of partie therein, they are required furthwith upon the receipt of their Lordships' letters to make substanciall inquerie, aswell within the said town of Readinge as ells where nere thereaboutes, whether the said Lendal did publishe his cominge to the Coourte to any man, to what ende he was to come thither, and what his intente may be so undiscretelye to medle with such matters not apperteyning unto him; and if they shall finde any to be partakers with him therein that they also diligently examine them and certifie their Lordships of their doinges, toguither with their opinions of the said Lendal what he is and hath ben heretofore.

A letter to the Vice Chauncelour of the Universitee of Oxford that whereas there is one Richard Lendall, a student in Universitee Colledge, whose father, being of Reading, hath latelye exhibited unto her Majestie a Supplicacion wherein he seemeth gretely to mislike in divers pointes with the governement of the presente state of this realme;
p. 130. forasmuche as it appereth that the said yong Lendall is privey unto the drawing of the said Supplicacion, and perchaunce can also discover the intent of his father therein, and who are parties in the matter, he is required furth-

with, upon the receipt of their Lordships letters, to cause the studie of the said Lendall to be diligently searched to see if any copies of the said Supplicacion or other writinges or notes of any suche matter may be founde there amonge his papers and bokes, and to deliver the same if any suche shalbe founde, toguither with the person of the said Lendall, unto the bringer of their letters to be brought furthwith before them.

A placard on the behalf of Edward Dyar, esquier, concerninge the searchers and sealers of leather, acording to the mynute remayninge in the Councell Chest. The leather trade.

At Hampton Coourte, the xijth of Januarie, 1576.

The Lord Chamberlaine.	Thearle of Leicester.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to Sir John Perrot, knight, that whereas their Lordships are given to understand that one John Callice, a notable piratte frequenting that countrie and arriving latelie at Milford, was lodged and horsed in Hereford West, and being there knowen, was suffered to escape, their Lordships do not a letill mervell at the negligence of suche as are Justices in those partes, that, knowing the said Callice to be so notable and (*sic*) offendour and spoiler of suche her Majesties neighbors as are in good league and amytie with her, a matter greatelye touching her Highnes in honor, wold suffer him to departe in that order and not apprehend him; and furder where their Lordships are informed that one Ned Herbert, sumtyme a servant of his, bearing himself bolde upon his countenance and others' thereaboutes, hath in like case of late brought into Mylford a pryse laden with wines, and havinge made sale thereof, hath also ben suffered to departe and wincked at, howbeit for a shewe and colour of justice, [they] have apprehendid some of the poorest and permitted the chiefest pirattes to escape; Piracy in Wales.

he is required furthwith, upon receipt of their letters, not only to make inquerie by whose default suche oversight hath been comitted, and what they are that have ben favorers and assisters unto the said pirattes, but also what persons have bought and receaved suche goodes and merchaundizes as have ben broughte in and solde by the pirattes aforesaide, and thereof to advertise their Lordships that furder order may be taken therein; and where not long since Commissions have passed forth for the apprehending of the said Callice and others, it ap-
p. 131. pereth the same hath not been so throughly obeied as it was necessarie it shold have been, he is also required to be assistaunt thereunto by all good meanes he can, for the better furdering of thexecucion thereof at suche time as he shalbe thereunto required by those to whom the said Commissions are directed, and to assiste thexecucion of a nother Commission directed to Richard Vaughan of Whiteland, esquier, and Richard Naisshe of Carmarthen, concerninge the sale of certaine salte taken by the said Callice from one Chambellian, and now remayninge under arrest.

A letter to Rowland Morgan and William Morgan of Lanternam, esquiers, that where of late a Commission was directed to the Comptroller and others for the apprehencion of certein pirattes that did repaire into these partes, and one John Crofte being sent with the said Commission requireng their assistaunce for the better execucion thereof, they refused to obeye the same, they are required to signifie unto their Lordships the cause why they so refused to assiste him in that her Majesties service.

Letters of summons.

Two letters, one to Thomas Fleminge of Flemminges Towne and Edward Kemys, esquier, requireng them to make their personall apparaunces before their Lordships, bringing with them suche bandes as have ben by them severally taken for thapparaunces of Count Hekenberch, Symon Fernandoz, one Vaughan and Collins, pirattes, committed to the gaole by Thomas Lewis, of the Van, esquier.

Fower letters to David Robertes of Penhow, William Morgan, servant to Sir William Morgan, knight, William Herbert of the High Streate in Cardiffe, and John ap John of Cogan, requireng them furthwith, upon receipt of their Lordships' letters, to make their apparaunce before them to aunswer suche matter as at their cominge shalbe objected against them.

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The Lord Chamberlaine. Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Warwick. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.

A pasport for Anthony Chenye, Frenchman, late servant to thearle of Shrowisburie, to retorne into Fraunce. A passport.

A letter of assistaunce to a processe out of the Coourte of the Admiraltie directed to Sir William Herbert, knight, Thomas Lewis, and William Mathew, esquiers, to be aiding to one Browne, a Scottisheman, and John Stevenson, for the recoverie of their goodes acording to the effect and meaninge of the said processe, and to advertise their Lordships what shall have ben donne. The Admiralty Court.

A letter to the Buisshop of Winton, Sir Henry Ratcliff and ꝺthers of the Commission Ecclesiasticall in the countie of Sowthampton, in aunswer of theirs, liking well of their procedinges with one Langrake and Hunfrey White; and, touching Langracke, their Lordships' plesure was that that they shold order him acording to lawe, and then yf they shold see cawse they might binde him to the good abearinge; and White, who was as it semed a conveyer of letters and messages to and from her Majesties evill disposed subjectes remayninge in the partes of beyonde the seas, they shold take his bande for his apparaunce here by a tyme to be prefixed unto them. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners.

A letter to John Baylie, Deputie to Edward Horsey, Captaine of the Isle of Wight and Viceadmirall of the Piracy.

countie of Southampton, upon the receipt of his touching the apprehencion of one Austen and Daye of that Isle, being of the cumpanye of them which not long sithe toke a Frenche barke in the Downes laden with coales, whom he is willed to committe to the commen gaole, there to remayne to aunswer as occasion shall require; and for that it appereth by their confession that the said French shippe being by them brought to St. Helen's Pointe, was bought by sum of Portismowth and caried thither, he should repaier thither and take order for the apprehencion of the parties which shold be founde culpable, and for the shippe and lading to be aunswered to suche as hereafter it shold appere the same in right appertaineth unto.

Release of a prisoner.

A warraunt to the Knight Marshall for the discharge of Edward Englishe, heretofore committed to his custodye.

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At Hampton Coourte, the xxth of Januarye, 1576.

The Lord Keper.	Thearle of Bedford.
The Lord Tresourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Payment for plays.

Fower warrauntes to the Treasourer of the Chamber for iiij plaies represented before her Majestie in the Christmas hollidaies last past by the players of thearle of Warwicke, thearle of Leicester, the Children of the Chapell and Powles, to pay to eche of them vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d} for the playe, and by way of reward tenne poundes more.

A Scottish pirate.

A letter to the Vicepresident and Counsell in the Marches of Wales touching one David Wiottye, a Scottish piratt apprehendid in Wales, to deliver him and suche goodes as have ben seased with him to the officers of the Admiraltie, acording to the mynute in the Councell Chest.

Coiners apprehended.

A letter to Mr. Justice Southcote and Mr. Attorney Generall sending them the persons (*sic*) of one Sweating of the

countie of Essex, who, being apprehendid for false coyninge, hath accused one Nicholas Coxe, who nevertheles denieth it; and for bicawse in Aprill last like informacion was given against the said Coxe by letters from Sir Henry Nevill, knight, and other Justices of Peace in the countye of Berks, they are required to examyne the said Coxe againe, who is sent unto them, upon suche matter as they shall see conteyned in the letters from both the shieres aforesaid, and, finding him culpable, to comitte him to the Tower to be further proceadid with acording to lawe; as touching Sweeting, by reason that upon some promyse of favor made by Sir Thomas Mildmaye, knight, he hath, as it is thought, discovered the trothe, their Lordships thinke it convenient that he were committed to the Counter or easier prison, there to remaine till her Majesties furder plesure were knowen.

An impudent fraud.

A letter to Sir Henry Ratcliff, knight, James Pagett and William Bowier, in the countie of Southampton, esquiers, or two of them, to repaire to the towne of Sowthampton, and there, with the Mayour and sum of his bretherne, to examyne one Pawle Eliott, comitted to preson (*sic*) by their Lordships' order for that he is charged by one Robert Elliott of the countie of Devon to have told him that there were certein appoineted to take in men's pewter and brasse, whereof the said Pawle produceth no aucthor; and for that their Lordships wold be glad to understand the whole trothe p. 134. of the matter, they shold do their best indevour to cume by the knowledge of the same, and to advertise their Lordships aswell of their doinges, as also of their opinions touching the partie.

Release on bail.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie that whereas by (*sic*) the examinacion of one John Wolmer, committed to the Marshalsey for havinge spoken certein lewde wordes of the Admiraltie, was committed unto him; forasmuche as it seameth no sufficient or direct proofe hath ben made against him to convince him acording to lawe, their Lordships thinke mete that upon bandes to be taken that he shall

upon reasonable warninge be alwaies furthcominge to aunswer the matter hereafter, the said Judge shold cause him to be set at libertie.

An arbitration. The same day order was taken by their Lordships in a matter of controversye betwene Mr. Withers and Coxe on the one side, and Lawrence Hollingeshedd on thother, as foloweth:—

Whereas a certein matter in controversie betwene Lawrence Hollingshed on thone partie, George Withers, Doctor of Devinitee, and Thomas Coxe, gentleman, on thother partie, hath ben heretofore brought before their Lordships, it pleased them at that tyme to commytte the examyninge thereof to the Lord Buckhurst, Sir Walter Mildmay, knight, the Master of the Rolles, and Sir William Damsell, knight, Recevour Generall of her Majesties Coourte of Wardes and Liveries, who, having called both parties before them and heard their allegacions, retornid an aunswer which was this day redde before their said Lordships; apon consideracion whereof and some further informacion of the matter made by both parties, who were called in before their Lordships, at leingth with consent of them both it was for the bringing of the said cawse to a finall ende ordered by their Lordships as foloweth: First, that whereas upon a sute comensed by the said Hollingshed against one John Juxon, one of the administratours to John Smithe, late of London, Merchaunt Taylour, father to the wife of the said Hollingshed, a certen sentence hath passed in the Prerogative Coourte against Juxon to the behoofe of the aforenamyd Hollingshed, against which the said Doctour Withers, whose father was as suretie bounde that Smithe's goodes shold be duelye administred, hath interjected an appeale yet dependinge before the Delegates, it was thought good and so ordered by their Lord-
p. 135. ships, with the assent of the said parties, that the said appeale shold be contynewed and folowed at the charges from henceforth of the said Withers onlye before the Delegates, and that the said Hollingshed shold aunswer therto,

and neither of them use any unnecessarye delaie or excuse to the contrarye; and further, whereas the said Hollingshed hath, as he informeth their Lordships, comenced an other sute in the Coourte of thexchequier in her Majesties name against the said Withers and Coxe, clayming by a graunte passed unto him from the Queen's Majestie the forfeicture of certein bandes of their two fathers made to Dr. Cranmer, the Archebisshopp of Caunterburie, which undertooke that a trew administracion of the goodes of Smithe, his father-in-lawe, shold be made shold be made (*sic*), which Hollingshed alleadgeth not to have ben donne acording to the trust reposed in the administratours, and contrary to them and their sureties bandes; it is lickewise, with the like assent, thought good and so ordered by their Lordships that the said Withers shall for him self and Coxe, at the costes and charges of the said Withers from henceforth, put into that Coourte of the Exchequier an aunswer to the plee or informacion exhibited by the said Hollingshed, without any delaie or excuse to the contrarie, and that both parties shall continew their pleadinge untill the matter shall come to a perfect issue, which, being joined, the matter shall remaine in suspence in that Coourte without furder triall untill such tyme as a judgement and definitive sentence shalbe given in the matter of the appele depending now betwene them before the Delegates, which, beinge obtained, it shalbe then lefull for them bothe or either of them to proceade in the said Coourte of thexchequier to the triall of the issue there remayninge; provided alwaies, and so it is thought reasonable by their Lordships, that a jurie of the countie of Kent shall onlye be impanelled, as being thought the most indifferent place for both parties, and the Sheryff shall not emonge them retorne any citezen of the Citee of London; and incase upon the triall of the said issue it shall fall out that the verditt and judgement shall passe against the said Withers, then the said Hollingshed and Withers have voluntarelie submitted themselfes that they shall stand to suche order as

shalbe taken by the Lord Treasourer of England, Mr. Secretary Walsingham, Mr. Chauncelour of thexchequier and the Lord Chief Baron of the said Coourte of the Exchequier touching the demaunde of the forfeicture of a bande of two thowsand poundes above mencioned, and they and every of them have promysed to stand to any suche awarde, arbitrement and ende which the fower parties above named, or any three of them in default of any other of the said fower, shall thincke good to make therein, without any gainesayinge or exception to the contrarye; and, finally, whereas the said Hollingeshed hath informed their Lordships that he hath comenced an other suite in the Coourte of the Chauncerie against the said Coxe, Withers, and others about some pointe being incident and accessorie to the matter aforesaid, it is thought good by their Lordshippes, and so ordered, that they shall make aunswer in the said Coourte of Chauncerye to his Bill of Complainte, that some ende may be had therein without any unlawfull or unnecessarie delaie to be by either partie used to the contrarye.

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Thapparaunces as before, except thearle of Bedford.

A suitor's difficulties.

A letter to Doctour Lewis and others appointed Commissioners in a cawse betwene Doctour Withers and Lawrence Hollingshed in the Delegates' [Court], that whereas the said Hollingshed had informed their Lordships that the best Doctours were either appointed Commissioners in the cause, orels intertained of counsaill by his adverse partie, so that he was destitute of mete men to defende his cause, therefore they shold appointe unto him some soche, being not of the *Quorum* in the said Commission, as he shold like of to be of his lernid counsell.

An aggrieved officer.

A letter to Thomas Wotton, Robert Rudson, Nicholas St. Leger and Thomas Henley, esquiers, or any three of them, that whereas heretofore one Thomas Wooden of Maide-

ston, tailour, had informed their Lordships that one Richard Reve, notwithstanding sundry his disorders and misdeameanors, was chosen to be cunstable of the said towne, their Lordships wrote then to the Mayour and Jurattes to examyne the said complainte, and if he were suche as is alleadged then to dismisse him and procede to the choise of a meter man; whereupon their Lordships are given tunderstand that without any suche examinacion the said Reve hath ben put from his office to his grete discreditte *——— to be reputed an honest and dutifull subject, for which cawse he hath desired that aswell the informacions of the said Wooden against him may be by sum other examyned, and also suche matter as he offereth to prove against him, which they fower, or any three of them, are willed to do and to certifie their Lordships.

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The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The privileges of Colchester.

A letter to the Sherif and Justices of Peace of the countie of Essex to forbere to entermedle within the liberties of the towne of Colchester for thexecucion of the orders conteyned in their Lordships' letters lately sent unto them for the observacion of the fishe daies, but only to deliver unto them a copie of the same, that they may acording to their charters and liberties see the same executed themselfes.

A letter to the Bailiffes of the towne of Colchester signifieng what their Lordships had written unto the Sherif and Justices of Peace upon consideracion of a letter sent from them to the Lord Treasourer, that none of them might intermedle within their liberties, and seing they have promysed to see the said orders for the observacion of the fishe daies

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executed themselves, they shold have a due reguard that no default be within their liberties commytted to the contrarye.

The detained Dutch ships.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie to give order for the praising of the shippes of Flusshing remayning in the West Countrey, acording to their moost valew, and then upon good sureties to be put in by one Symondes of Plymowth, either in London or els where before the Viceadmyrall in the countrey, that he shall stand to suche order touching the restitucion of the * _____ as hereafter shalbe taken by their Lordships or others appointed to treate with suche Commissioners as shall repaire thither out of Holland, then the said Judge to give order that the said shippes be deliverid to the abovenamyd Symondes, &c.

Lord Kildare's complaints.

A letter to the Lord Deputie of Ireland for the redressing of certein spoiles and disorders committed upon the servauntes and landes of the Earle of Kildare, now remayninge in England, sending him also a note of the said spoiles exhibited by the said Earle here, that he may better understand what is complained of and what is to be redressed, the copie of which letter and note is remayninge in the Councell Chest.

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Captured Dutch herring boats.

A letter to Sir Christofer Heidon, Sir William Buttes, knightes, and Henry Wodhowse, esquier, Viceadmirall of the countie of Norfolke, that whereas a controversie betwene certen Hollanders having their busses and hearinges taken by one Hubert Adie, a Spaniard, and others upon that coast and brought in thither, appon the arrivall of both parties here hath with both their consentes ben compromitted to the Judge of thadmiraltie to take such order therein as he shold thincke agreable with justice; forasmuch as their Lordships are informed from the said Judge that the matter is so ordered betwene them that the busses with their apparell, tacle and furniture shold be restored to the Hollanders, toguither with xxx barrels of hearing re-

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mayning in the Viceadmiral's handes, or the valew thereof in money, they are required, seing they before joinetly delt in that cause, also now joinetly to have a care that the said order be accomplished and the said busses and hearinges or their value restored acordinglie.

At Hampton Coourte, the thirde of Februarye, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The state of Ulster.

A letter to Tirloughe Lenoughe that whereas their Lordships are informed by Sir Nicholas Bagnoll, knight, Mershall of Ireland, that whatsoever hath passed heretofore he is now very well inclined and affected to obedience and duetie towardes her Majestie, for the which as their Lordships are very glad and do wisshe the continuaunce thereof, so they have thought good first to let him understand how muche he is beholdinge unto the said Sir Nicholas Bagnoll for the good reporte he hath made of him here, and to signifie unto him that if he shall performe the duetie of a good and faithfull subject unto her Highnes, acording to the said goode reporte and their Lordships' expectacion thereupon had of him, they shalbe redie by all good offices not onelie to continew her Majesties good opinion presentlie conceaved, but also by all other good meanes to augment her Highnes' favour and good liking of him; and as the said Sir Nicholas hath frinded him here by such good speches as he hath delivered both unto her Majestie and unto their Lordships in his behalf, so shall he do well to followe his advice and direction concerning his demeanure and duetie towardes her Majesties Deputie there, whom he is to obeye in all matters touching her Majesties service in that realme, and whose good proofe and reporte of his well doinge shall greatlie furder her Majesties good liking of him in all respectes.

Two letters, one to the Baron of Dungannon and the other to Sir Hughe Magneisse, that their Lordships under- p. 139.

standing by the good reporte that hath ben given of them here unto her Majestie by Sir Nicholas Bagnoll, knight, Marshall of Ireland, of the good inclinacion they have to the obedience and duetie they owe to her Majestie, and that they are verie desirous to be so accompted of at her Majesties handes, for the which they are very glad and do wisshe the continuance thereof; they have thought good to signifie unto them that if they shall indevour to satisfie her Majesties expectacion therein and the opinion conceaved upon the good reporte of Sir Nicholas Bagnoll, that they shall finde their Lordships alwaies redie by all good offices to continew her Majesties good liking and favour towardes them; and as they are greatly beholding to Sir Nicholas Bagnoll for the good speches he hath delivered unto her Highnes of them, so shall they do well to followe his good advise and direction how to behave them selfes towardes her Majesties Deputie there, whom they are to obey in all matters that shall concerne her Majesties service in that realme, and whose good proofe and reporte of their well doinge shall greatly furder her Majesties liking and good opinion of them in all respectes.

Tampering with the coinage.

A letter to the Sherif of Northampton shire, Sir John Spencer and Sir Richard Knighteley, knightes, [and the] Mayour of Northampton, that where their Lordships are given tunderstand by a letter from him, the Mayour of Northampton, that one Fraunces Bolte of the same towne being upon suspicion charged for the clipping of silver and examined thereupon doth refuse to confesse, saying he will do it before his betters; they are required to joine with the said Mayour and to proceade imediatly to the examinacion of the said Bolte, and as they shall finde the matter of proofe against him so to go forward presentlie to indictement, and to take order that at the next Assises he be proceadid withall acording to the lawes of the realme ordeyned in that behalf.

A letter to Mr. St. Poll, understanding by a letter of his directed to the Lord Treasourer that he had apprehendid one

Thomas Wattes and a nother for clipping of gold and silver, thorder whereof they have by his good meanes confessed, their Lordships do very well allowe of this his diligence, and require him to go forward imediatlie with their indictementes, and that at their next Assises order may be taken to proceade against them acording to the lawes of this realme ordeined to that purpose.

Reprisals against Portugal.

A letter to Doctour Lewis, Judge of thadmiraltie, and other the Commissioners for Portingall Causes, that where there hath ben heretofore given out by them, upon their Lordships' letters to them in that behalf directed, a Commyssion to one Richard Eature and Arnold Clarcke of Southampton, merchauntes, and others of Poole for the staie of certein Portingalls' goodes in recompence of the losse of a shippe called the Blacke Raven, with the goodes to the valew of m^{li} spoiled by the subjectes of the King of Portingall, by vertue whereof the said Eature having staied a hulke called the Flieng Ghoste, laden with salt, belonging unto Portingals, as appearid by their charter partie and other writinges; howbeit since the staie of the said salte (as they are informed) one Andrew Ruiz, a Spaniard dwelling in Nantes in Britaine, hath made claime to the said salt, who following the suite thereof before them, the said Eature and the rest have ben constrained to disprove the claime and interest of the said Ruiz, and to that ende they havinge assigned unto them a Commission and a certein tyme for the doinge thereof, which terme tooke ende the xiijth of the last moneth, they have traveled therein and not as yet able by reason of the trobles in those partes, as their Lordships are informed, to returne their proofes, and therefore have made their humble peticions unto their Lordships to have a longer terme assigned unto them for the better doing thereof; they are required to have good consideracion of the matter and of the difficultie of the tyme and place whence they are to drawe their proofes, and to allowe them some longer tyme for the convenient dispache of the same, that acording to right and equitie and the true intent

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and meaninge of her Majesties said Commission they may receve satisfaction of their said losses.

Payment for plays.

A warrant to the Treasourer of the Chamber to paye to thearle of Sussex' plaiers for representing of a plaie before her Majestie on Candlemas day last, vj^{li} xiij^{s} iiij^{d}, and x^{li} by way of reward.

The Restraint of Victuals.

A letter to the Commissioners for the Restraint of Graine and Victuels in the countie of Suffolke, geving them thankes on her Majesties behalf for the greate paines and diligence which they have taken about the execucion of the same; and as by their so doing they have justelie deserved comendacion, so their Lordships desier the contynuaunce thereof with like care, assuring themselves that neither her Majestie nor their Lordships, when occasion shall serve, wilbe unmindefull of their good service and paines employed in those affaires.

Restrictions on the beer trade.

A letter to the Lord Cobham that where the Queen's Majestie, being informed that by the carying over of greate quantitees of beere aswell from the Cinque Portes as other places the prices of graine are moche rysen, and are like to increase more and more unles spedie order be taken, hath willed their Lordships to signifie her plesure to the Lord Thresurer that he shall give order to the officers under his charge within the V Portes and ells where that no beare be transported over by way of merchaundizes into the partes of beyond the seas for the space of iiij^{or} monithes next folowing; forasmuch as their Lordships understand that in sundry creekes under his jurisdiction divers brewing howses have ben of late set uppe from whence secretlie greate quantitees of beare are conveyed, theyr Lordships lickewise desire him to take order by soche as have charge under him in those partes that for the tyme aforesaid no beere be suffered to passe from soche places, and therin to use no favour as they will aunswer to the contrary.

p. 141. A letter to the Lord Treasourer that where the Queen's Majestie, being given tunderstand that grete quantitees of

beere are comenly transported out of the realme beyond the seas, whereby the prices of bred and drincke corne are said to be in many places muche encreased, hath willed their Lordships to signifie unto him that her pleasure is his Lordship shold give order both in the Five Portes and other places where he shall thinke convenient that for the space of iiij^{or} monithes next ensuinge no beere be suffered to passe beyond the seas by way of merchaundizes, but only for the victuallinge of their shippes passing to and fro, or otherwise as upon reasonable consideracions shalbe by his Lordships' license.

An old servant's complaint.

A letter to the Lord Chief Justice that where one Henry Partridge, an old servant of her Majesties, hath informed their Lordships that he hath ben muche molested by one John Drake in suche sorte as he desireth to have him bounde to the good abearing, their Lordships have thought meete to recommend his cawse unto him, and withall to send soche thinges as have been exhibited by the said Partridge, earnestly desirenge him to call the parties before him and to examyne the matter, and to take soche order therein as shalbe acording to justice and equitie and may be for the quietnes and safetie of the said Partridge.

The woollen trade in Norwich.

A placard for the towne of Norwich that, notwithstanding the late Proclamacion for the restrainte of buyeng of wolles, they may enjoye the benefitte of her Majesties graunte by Letters Patentes for the buyeng of fine wolles to be imployed in the towne for the setting of pore men a worke.

Suspicious aliens in England.

A letter to the Lord Cobham requireng him to call before him soche masters of shippes and passingers of the towne of Dover and other places as he shall thincke meete, and to examine them what persons they have brought over out of Flaunders, Fraunce, &c., whom they have landed in the Downes or in any other place then in an ordinarye porte, what he was and whither he minded to repaire; and to give order that hereafter none be landed but in ordinarie portes and landing places, unles by tempest of wether they

shalbe otherwise contrained, and then to bring him to the next porte or els at the lest his or their names, and whether he minded to repaire, that if any occasion of mistrust be, order may be taken acordinglie.

The Spanish trade.

A letter to Sir James Hawes, Mr. Osburne and Mr. Barnes, Aldermen, William Wignall, Thomas Stapers, George Homes and any iiij^{or} of them, where Mr. Marshe, being desired by the mooste parte of the merchauntes of that Citee of London trafficquing into Spaine, was a sutour unto their Lordships in their behalf that they wold move her Majestie for a graunte of a Corporacion of merchauntes trafficquinge into Spaine, whereto her Majestie at their entreatie hath graunted her gratious assent; forasmuche as now their Lordships are given tunderstand that certein of those merchauntes will not consent unto the said graunt, but thincke to continew as they did before, seing it can not be thought but the thinge being very beneficiall to the whole estate, that this their refusall procedeth without juste cawse for sume privat respect, and their Lordships having so farre travelid in the matter wold be loth to be so abused as that it shold not take effect throughlie; the said Sir James, &c., or any iiij^{or} of them, upon informacion of their names to be given by the bearer, shold send for the said merchauntes and plainelie declare unto them that onles they shalbe contented to do as others do, order shalbe taken that they shall not be suffered to trafficque into Spaine. They are also willed to certifie the names of the refusers and what causes they may have to the contrarie.

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The trade in munitions of war.

A letter to the Lord Admirall that where their Lordships understand that certen merchauntes of thest partes minde to transporte into the partes of Barbarie certen municion of iron shotte which the Portingall Ambassadour on the behalf of the King his master, and also others for good consideracions desier might be staied; forasmuch as their Lordships thinke their request meete to be yeldid unto so farre forth as conveniently it may be brought to

passe, and are informed that the Easterlinges for the transportacion thereof minde to hier certen Englishe masters and pilottes as best acquaineted with that coast to conduct other shippes thither, their Lordships have thought good to desier him to give order to soche officers and places under his jurisdiction as he shall thinke convenient to signifie the same unto, that the said masters and pilottes be commaundid not to take in hand or accomplishe any soche voiadge; desyreng his Lordship that this restrainte may rather seme to procede from him by vertue of his office then that it had been so ordered by their Lordships.

An impudent fraud.

A letter to Sir Henry Radcliffe, knight, James Pagett and William Boyer, esquiers, and the Mayour of Sowthampton, giveng them thanckes for their paines taken in thexaminacion of Pawle Elliott of that towne of Sowthampton; and for that they write the said Elliott is not well in his wittes, and is also sicke and weake, thereby not well hable to continew in pryson without dainger, it is referred to their discrecions to suffer him to be bailed under sufficient sureties for his forthecominge when it shalbe required.

The wine trade.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London that whereas the Lords are given tunderstand that her Majesties Proclamacion published for the rates of wines hath not ben so directly observed as it were required it shold be, he is willed uppon the fifte of this presente to informe himself of suche as indirectlie have solde any wines contrarie to the said Proclamacion, as well merchauntes as others, and thereof to sende certificat unto the Lord Treasourer.

Sir N. Bagenal.

Two placardes to Sir Nicholas Bagnoll, knight, Marshall of Ireland, for viij post horses and two cartes to Westchester.

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The Lord Treasourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Letters of summons.

A warraunt for thapparaunces of Thomas Buttes, esquier, Nicholas Shadwell, Edmunde Paine, Robert Feake, Richard Santon, Robert Lawes, George Kett, Hughe Bruer, ——— Dison, scolemaster of Faickham, before the Lordes at the Starre Chamber upon Tuesdaye the xijth of this presente, and thereof not to faile as they will aunswer to the contrary at their perills.

The Court of Common Pleas.

A letter to Mr. Attorney and Solicitour Generall that where their Lordships for certen good consideracions are very desyrous to be informed of the truthe of a matter touching an order which as it is reported was entered into the Coourte of Commen Pleas in a suite which hath of long tyme dependid betwene Mr. Justice Mounson and Mr. Henrie Aiscoughe, and for the better understanding thereof they are required that certein of thofficers of the said Coourte whose names be here underwritten shold be examined upon soche articles as they shall receve from their Lordships; they are therefore required to call the said persons before them, and to examine them particularly upon the said articles, and their examinacions so taken to send them unto their Lordships, toguither with their opinions of the said matter, as sone as conveniently they maye.

Mr. Filmer, Mr. Wolmer, Mr. Scotte, Mr. Lodge, Mr. Warren, } Prenotaries, Attorneis and Officers of the Coourte of the Common Pleas.

A family dispute.

A letter to the Justices of Assises in the countie of Oxon that whereas heretofore their Lordships committed the hearing of a matter in controversie betwene Thomas Wainemans, the uncle and neview, for certen landes lyeng in Clanfielde in the countie of Oxon, to Sir William Babington, knight, and Thomas Dutton, esquier, being persons indifferentlie chosen by both parties to ende aswell suche variaunces as were betwene them, and either of them and the tenauntes which were put from the posses-

sion of their tenementes by yong Waineman, they are againe given tunderstand that by reason of some disagrementes betwene the said arbitrators such good effect hath not followed thereof as hath ben desired; wherefore the matter being brought againe before their Lordships they have thought good to referre it unto them, and do earnestlye require them at their repaire downe at the next Assises to call the parties before them, and upon examinacion of the whole to take suche order aswell betwene the said Wainemans, as also betwene either of them and the tenantes which are dispossessed, as they shall thincke to be agreable to justice and may make some finall end betwene them so as the Lords be no more trobled therwith; and to thintent they be no more trobled nor no longer deteined about the matter then were requisite, it is thought convenient that in the meane tyme they shall committe the particuler examinacion of the matter to some indifferent gentlemen in the shiere whom they shall thinck mete to be imploied therein, who repaireng to the said place of Clanfielde, and calling all parties interessed before them, may examine the truthe of the matter for their better informacion and proceding therein when they shalbe there. p. 144.

An enclosure case.

A letter to the Justices of Assises in the countie of Stafford that where there hath ben exhibited unto their Lordships by one John Blackmore a Supplicacion, which they send them herewith, against one Witton, a gentlman of that countie, touching an inclosure by him lately made and other misdemeanours conteyned in the said Bill, the contentes whereof at the next Assise they are required to cause diligently to be examined, and thereupon to take suche order for the redresse thereof as they shall see to be agreable with lawe and justice; and for that her Majestie and their Lordships have ben earnestly bent to have soche [dis]orders as sone as they shold arrise to be reformed, for that otherwise grete inconveniences might ensue, and dowbt not but that in their Circuites they are carefull to see the lawes ordeyned to that purpose duely

executed; yet their Lordships could not but upon this occasion signifie so moche unto them, earnestlye requireng them to take some paines in this case, and to certifie their Lordships what they shall have founde and donne therein, and generally in other places of their Circuite where the like shalbe committed to have care for the redresse thereof.

A county office.

A letter to the Justices of Assise in the countie of Hereford that where complainte hath ben made unto their Lordships by James and Edward Price that, notwithstanding her Majesties Letters Patentes graunted unto them for thexercise of the office of Attorney in the counte of Hereford shiere, they have ben withstode by the Sherif and others in the execucion of the said office, as ye shall perceave by the bill inclosed; their Lordships have thought convenient to referre the matter unto them, desyreng them at the next Assises to call the parties before them, and to understand of them what lawfull causes they have why the said Price shold not enjoye the benefitte of her Majesties said graunt, and thereupon to take suche order betwene them as shalbe agreable with justice; whereunto yf any of the said parties shall not condiscend, then to advertise their Lordships of their opinions touching the matter and in whom the default is.

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The Lord Keper.	Thearle of Warwicke.
The Lord Thresurer.	Thearle of Bedford.
The Lord Admirall.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
	Mr. Secretary.

Rye from Dantzig.

A letter to thearle of Southampton, the Bishop of Winchester, Sir Henry Ratcliff, knight, and the rest of the Commissioners against the Transportacion of Graine in the countie of Southampton, that where their Lordships understandeth that diverse merchauntes of the towne of Portes-

mowth, havinge of late made an aventure into Danske for corne, laded a certaine quantitee of rie, to the nombre of one hundred quarters of [it], and retorninge with the same backe into Portesmowth and sellinge it at reasonable prices, the price of wheate in all the markettes there adjoyninge did presentlie fall and therebie the contrary greatly relieved; upon sute made unto their Lordships by the said merchauntes they are required to permytt them to take up and buye of peasen the nomber of 100 quarters within and nere about the Isle of Portesmowth (*sic*), and to transporte the same at their discrecions, which their Lordships do only graunt in respect of the benefitt the countrey hath recevid by bringing in of the quantitie of rye aforesaid.

Alterations in Carlisle Castle.

A letter to the Lord Scrope that whereas by a letter directed to the Lord Tresourer their Lordships are given tunderstand that the alteracion of the dungeon towre at Carlisle, acording to his advice and opinion, wold not only be very profitable to her Majesty in saving a good somme of money and also verie comodious for her Highnes' service otherwise; in consideracion whereof and for his better discharge and their Lordships' satisfaction therein they have given order to the Mershall of Barwick, Captein Brickwell and Captein Gham, whom their Lordships know to be verie skilfull in matters of fortificacion, to make their repaire to the towne of Carlisle and there toguither with him to view the said dungeon, and upon conference and consideracion thereof to signifie unto their Lordships particulerlie the state of the said dungeon, how the same is to be altered, to what ende, what proffitt and commoditee may followe, and withall to set downe an estimate of the charges necessarilie to be imploied for the doing of the whole.

A letter to the Marshall of Barwick, Capten Brickwell and Capten Gham, that whereas the Lord Scrope entering into some consideracion of the state of the dungeon tower of Carlisle, hath signified unto their Lordships how profit-

p. 146. able a thing it wold be to her Majestie, for the saving of good somes of money and also commodious otherwise unto her Highnes' service, to have the said dungeon taken downe and new altered; in consideracion whereof, and for that their Lordships are desirous to understand particulerly how any suche proffitt might followe thalteracion of the said dungeon, and whither the strenght of Carlisle might any way be bettered therebie, their Lordships have made choise of them three, requyreng them upon the receipt thereof to make their repaire to the said towne of Carlisle, and do there, toguither with the said Lord Scroope, substancially view the said dungeon, and to retorne unto them their opinyons of the same, with an estimate of the charges the alteracion thereof will amount unto.

At Hampton Coourte, the xth of Februarie, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Tresourer.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Bedford.	

The restrictions on the corn trade.

A letter to Sir John Forster, knight, and the Customers of the portes of the countie of Northumberland, that where their Lordships understandeth that for the provision of the Citie of London there is bought and leavied within that countie certen quantytes of whete, which by reason of the last Restrainte for the Transporting of Graine is there staied and not suffered to passe, for the which their Lordships render hartie thanckes; how be yt their Lordships, being informed that the last yere was plentifull, and therebye the same may well be spared, have thought good that for this tyme the said quantites so leavied may passe for the use of the Cittie, taking bandes of them that the same be not embecellid, and hereafter to restraine them and all others that shall make any provision there; forasmuche as their Lordships are informed that Mr. Vernon, who is to furnishe

the garrisons at Barwick, findeth universally scarcitee of graine in suche places where he he hath ben accustomed to take up corne, their Lordships required that, considering their abundance and notwithstanding an order taken before to the contrarye, that you permitte him to buye and carrie, for the provision of the said garrisons, suche quantitees of graine in that countie as shall suffice for that purpose, &c.

At the Starre Chamber, the xiijth of Februarie, 1576. p. 147.

The Lord Keper.	Mr. Tresourer.
The Lord Tresourer.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Sadler.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Mildmaye.

Fish Days.

Sixe letters to the Justices of Assises for the examining how the order taken by her Majestie for the observing of the Fishe and Fasting Daies is executed and kept in every shiere in their severall Circuites, and at their retorne to certifie the Lord Keper what he finde thereof, &c., acording to a minute remayninge in the Councell Chest.

At Westminster, the xiiijth of Februarie, 1576.

The Lord Keper.	Thearle of Bedford.
The Lord Treasourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretarie.

A thief to be sent up.

A letter to the Lord of Hunsdon, Governour of Barwicke, that where their Lordships are informed that in the beginning of the last Terme the Lord Chief Justice of England, Master of the Rolles, Mr. Justice Southcote, Mr. Attorney and Mr. Sollicitour Generall, with other her Majesties Commissioners of late appointed for felonie and other misdemeanors against her Majestie sent their letters to Barwicke

to requier the officers there to send up unto them the bodie of one Thomas Wadnow, who latelie did robbe his master, a Felowe of the Middell Temple in London, of a grete somme of money, and beinge pursued to Barwicke and there imprisoned, did confesse the same to thofficers there, where he still remayneth, and notwithstanding the said letters he hath not ben sent up for certen causes declared of late unto us on his behalf; neverthelesse upon earnest sute made unto their Lordships that he might be brought up, they have thought good to addresse this presente unto him, and to requier him to give order that, with as convenient spede as may be, the said Wadnow be sent up under safe custodie at the said parties' charges and deliverid to the Master of the Rolles, to thend he and the rest of the Commissioners may proceade further with him acording to lawe and justice.

p. 148. A dispute as to land.

A letter to Sir Henry Radcliffe, knight, and Capten Horsey, that whereas there is a matter in controversie betwene Lewknor Milles, gentleman, and John Brooke of Eling in that countie, concerninge a cope (*sic*) of a tenemente and certein landes now in the tenure of the said Mylles, and lyeng in Eling aforesaid, demysed by James Pagett, then having the tutele and wardshippe of the said Mylles, unto Alice Philpotte, late wyfe of John Philpotte, and now wife unto the said Brooke; forasmuche as the said Brooke complaineth that, by reason of his povertie not being able, as he saith, to followe the right of his cause in sute of lawe, [he] hath ben constrained to enter into bande to the said Milles to deliver unto him the possession of the said tenement now at Our Ladie Day next, their Lordships have thought good to require them furthwith, upon receipt of their Lordships' letters, to call either of the parties before them and substancially to examine the matter, and thereupon acording to justice and equitie to make some good ende therein; which if they shall not be hable to do, then to certifie them why the same may not be donne, and in whom the fault is, that furder order may be taken therein.

A letter to Sir John Foster, knight, that where a pitifull complainte hath ben made unto their Lordships on the behalf of Thomas Bradford of Barwick, that in October last his sonne, William Bradford, Master of Arte and parson of Forde in the countie of Northumberland, retorning towardes Newcastell, not farre from Anwicke, was murtherid, as it is suspected, by one Robert Carre and others, their Lordships thought convenient, for the furtheraunce of justice, to require that upon the receipt hereof and further informacion of the bringer of the letter, to cause Carre and others to be apprehendid where they shalbe found within his Wardenrye as shall appere culpable, and to see them safelye kept and under good garde brought before the Justices of the Assises at their next comynge, to be furder ordered by them acording to justice; and herein their Lordships earnestly desier that no favour be used either by the said Sir John, his servantes, or any others, but that they do their best indevours for the performance hereof as they will aunswer to the contrarye. A Border murder.

The like letter to the Sherif of the countie of Northumberland.

The like letter to Sir Robert Cunstable, the Mayour and other officers whatsoever of the towne of Barwick and East Marches.

The like letter to the Justices of Assises of Northumberland, desireng them at their next comynge thither, upon informacion and heering of the cause, to proceade to the punishement of thoffendours as in lawe their offences have desserved.

A letter to the Lord President of the Counsell in the North sending unto him therewith inclosed two Supplicacions of certen pore widowes of the Countie Palatine of Duresme, touching some controversies betwene them and the Deane and Chapter of the said Bisshopricke, which their Lordships had well thought had ben alredye taken up and endid, partely acording to an order made betwene them here and p. 149. The tenants of the Dean and Chapter of Durham.

partelie acording to an other order which his Lordship had sent up as moost convenient for both parties, which was by their Lordships' good liking and assent retornid back unto him to be observed: he is desired to consider of the said complaintes, and either to compound them orels to certifie his opinion.

At Westminster, the xvth of February, 1576.

The Lord Keper.	Thearle of Bedford.
The Lord Tresorer.	Therle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Lewd words. A letter to the Bailiffes of Colchester to set at libertie Walter De Fourde and Basirie Linghoer, Duchemen, committed to the gaole for having spoken lewde wordes of the Earle of Oxford. which they are sory for, alleadging that they mistoke him for the Earle of Westmerland; wherefore thinking that this their imprysonment is sufficient, upon some good lesson and submyssion to be taken of them in the presence of sum witnesses of both nations, they shold sett them at libertie.

The Fleet prison. A warraunt to the Warden of the Fleete for the discharge of one Broughton. prisoner. taking bandes for his apparaunce the next Terme of the Starre Chamber, there to attend their Lordshippes' furder order.

An arbitration. A letter to the Lord Stafford to accomplishe an awarde made by the Lord Bisshoppe of Coventrie and Lichefield and Coventrie (*sic*) and the Lord Pagett, in a matter betwene him and one Catherine Crompton, widow, orels to advertise what causes he hath to the contrarie.

Provisions for Munster. A letter to the Commissioners appointed against the Transporting of Graine and Victuels in the countie of Suffolk to permytte suche persons as shalbe deputed by Sir William

Drurie, knight, for that purpose to take up within that countie for the provision of the garrison of the province of Munster in Ireland xx^ti barrels of butter and xx^ti weies of cheese, and to give order as so appoinetid from their Lordships unto the officers of the portes and custome howses to permitt the said quantitees to passe, having regard that under colour of the same greater quantitees be not imbecellid, or the same transported to any other places then into Ireland as is appointed. p. 150.

The like letter to the Commissioners of the countie of Norfolke to permytt the said Sir William Drurie, or suche as shalbe appointed from him, to take up for the relief of the garrisons aforsaid to the nomber of one hundred quarters of whete and the like quantitee of malte within that countie, and to transporte the same into Ireland.

At Westminster, the xx^th of Februarie, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer.	Thearle of Bedford.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretarie.

Payments for plays.

Three warrauntes to the Treasourer of the Chamber to pay to the players of thearle of Warwick, the plaiers of the Lord Chamberlaine, and the Master of the Children of Powles for iij plaies presented before her Majestie on Shrove Sonday, Monday and Tuesdaye last past, to eche of them the sum of vj^li xiij^s iiij^d, and besides by way of rewarde to eche of them v markes.

A pirate's plunder.

A letter to William Lower, esquier, Viceadmirall of the countie of Cornewall, and William Mohun, esquier, to be aideng to thexecucion of a processe out of the Coourte of thadmiraltie graunted to one Geffrey Pryour, a Frenchman, for the recevinge of xxxix tonne of Gascoigne wines taken by John Callis out of a French shippe called L'Esperance,

which is thought was brought thither, acording to the contentes and meaninge of the said proces.

A voyage to Newfoundland.

A letter to the Lord Mayour and officers of the citee and porte of Bristoll that whereas their Lordships are informed that one Peter Chamberlaine had a shippe laden with merchaundizes taken by one John Callis, and upon proces graunted out of the Coourte of thadmiraltie hath recovered only the bare hull which remayneth there, and he desireth to set forth for New Found Land, and therefore may have licence to provide thinges necessarie for the furniture of his said shippe for the said voyadge, they are required to suffer him so to do; and whereas he desireth to buye xiiij small peeces of iron ordenance, alleadging that he lost twise asmoche, apon any proofe or probabilitee of the same they shold suffer him to have so many, paying her Majesties custome.

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A charge against a Bishop.

A letter to the Bishop of Elye that whereas one George Hasell hath exhibited to the Queen's Majestie a peticion of certaine injuries donne unto him by the said Bishop, at (*sic*) appeareth more at large by the said peticion sent herewith unto him; which peticion being by her Majesties order committed unto the Lords to see redresse therein, they have thought good, for that they are not throughly acquainted with the contentes thereof, to retorne the said Hasell unto him, and to require him to see the said Hasell satisfied forthewith, orels to signifie the cause why the same may not be, that furder order may be taken therein.

An Ambassador's complaint.

A letter to the Buisshop of London that whereas complainte hath ben made to the Queen's Majestie by the French Embassadour of one Foxe, a minister, who, preachinge at Powles Crosse on Sonday the second of this monithe, uttered certaine speches conteyned in a schedule sent unto him herewith; he is required to call the said Foxe before him and some others that were presente therat whom he shall thinck good, and to examyne whither any suche speches were uttered by the said Foxe or not, and thereof to advertise their Lordships.

At Westminster, the xxijth of Februarye, 1576.

The Lord Keper.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Secretarie Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.	

The Tower. A letter to the Lieutenant of the Tower to suffer the servant of Bapthorpe, lately committed from the Starre Chamber, to have accesse and conference with him.

A letter to the said Lieutenant to deliver the persons of the said Bapthorpe and one Launder to the bringer hereof, who is appointed to have the caryeng of them downe to Yorke.

A summons. A letter to Walter Morton of Haselworth in the countie of Suffolk, gentleman, to make his apparaunce before their Lordships as sone as conveniently may be.

The Star Chamber. A letter to the Earle of Huntington, Lord President in the North, sending therewith under the hand of Mr. Marshe, Clercke of the Starre Chamber, a copye of the order latelie taken with Bapthorpe and Launder, desireng him to see to parte thereof as is to be executed in those partes to be accomplished acordinglie, and hereof there is a mynute remayninge in the Chest.

p. 152. An obstinate recusant. A letter to the Keper of the Gatehowse of Westminster that where Hughe Erdswicke hath ben committed to his charge for his obstinacie in Religion, and now by reason of sicknes and other occasions hath made his peticion to be released under his bande for a tyme, he is required to repaire with the said Erdswicke unto the Deane there or some of the Prebendes that may best intende it, and to prove by perswacion whether he may be induced to conforme himself onely in going to the churche without any furder constrainte of his conscience, and thereof to informe the Lords, that thereupon furder order may be taken with him.

At Westminster, the iij^de and iiij^th of Marche, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Earle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

An enclosure case.

A letter to the Sheriff of the countie of Oxon that where certaine of thinhabitauntes of Horton, Studeley, Staunton, Wornerhall, Brill and Orley, in the counties of Oxon and Bucks, have exhibited unto their Lordships a peticion against Vincent Curser of the countie of Oxford, esquier, John Dinham and Richard Leigh, esquiers, being of the countye of Bucks, for the inclosure of a woody grounde called Quartours, and also other parcells lyeng in the counties aforesaid, as more at large shall appeare unto them by a Supplicacion which is sent him herewith; forasmuche as the matter seemeth very fowle and tendeth to the grete wrong and hate of a grete nomber of people pore, duely relieved by the comoditee and libertie thereof, which as they are informed they have enjoyed tyme out of minde, theyr Lordships have thought good to require him upon the receipt of their letters to call before him the said Curser, Dinham and Leigh, and to will them as so directed from their Lordships furthwith either to ley open againe the said inclosure, permytting the tenantes to enjoye the benefitt thereof acording to their auncient customes, or otherwise to charge them presentlie to appere here before their Lordships to aunswer thereunto, and thereof not to faile as they will aunswer to the contrarie.

A summons obeyed.

Walter Norton of Hasellworth in the countie of Suffolk, gentleman, made his apparaunce before the Lords to aunswer suche matters as was objected against him.

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Criminals to be apprehended.

A placard to all Justices of Peace, &c., that wheare John Devawe, Sergeant at Armes attending upon her Majesties Counsell in the Marches of Wales, is by their Lordships' order appointed to apprehend one John Chalde of Pissilde, and one William Rithen, in the countie of Oxford, for cer-

taine their misdemeanours, they are required and commaundid to be assistaunt unto the said Devawe for the apprehencion of them, and being apprehendid to see him furnished of suche necessaries as he shall demaunde at their handes at prices reasonable for the better bringing of them into Wales.

Grain for Ireland.

A letter to Sir George Calverley and Sir Rowland Stanley, knightes, and the Mayour of Chester, that where by her Majesties order heretofore certaine quantities of graine were appointed to be levied in divers shieres of this realme for the provision of her Majesties realme of Ireland, whereof ij^{c} quarters were to be taken up in that countie, so that the Lord Treasourer, by warraunt from her Majestie, directed his letters to the officers of the portes there requireng them to permitt Robert Wodfoorde, servant to the Lord Deputie of Ireland, to buye and transporte to the nomber of ij^{c} quarters of whete; howbeyt he and the rest being appointed Commissioners against the Transportacion of Graine and Victuels did by vertue of their Lordships letters written before unto them in that behalf make staie thereof, which their Lordships do very well allowe of, and do notwithstanding require them, for that it is alredie bought, to suffer him or suche as he shall appointe to transporte the same into Ireland, taking bandes of him to her Majestie use that the same be not caried to any other place then into Ireland; they are required also to give order to the officers of the portes to suffer the said wheate to passe, and to cause him that shall have the transporting of the same to be furnished of sufficient cariages for the conveying of the same whete to the seaside where it shalbe imbarked at prices reasonable.

The beer trade.

A letter to the Lord Treasourer of England that where upon very resonable consideracions for the benefitt of the realme it is ordered in the Citie of London that all the brewers there shall, from the tyme of thorder taken which is now past untill Mighelmas, forbeare to use any wheate-corne or meale in their brewinges of beare or ale, except such wheate as they have alredie and mixed with otes and

other graine commonlie called beere corne, nor shall before the said Feaste brew or cawse to be brewed any extraordinary beare with wheate or wheate meale comonlye called March beere, nor any beere or ale to make allegre, vinegre, *aqua vite* or *aqua composite;* forasomuch (*sic*) as if the like order shold not be taken in other places of common bruynges the intent thereby proposed wold be in vaine, and the Citie hindered contrarie to her Majesties meaninge, therefore her Highnes' plesure and commaundment is that his Lordship shold take the like order with all the brewers within his rule in Westminster, as Steward there, and namely with Edward Tailor,
p. 154. Richard Garret, ——— Price, John Bradshawe, Dericke Helden, John Tailor and Humfrey Lawley, and all other if any nede there be, that they observe the like order which is alredye donne in London; and for that purpose their Lordships shall receve a copie of suche recognizaunces as the brewers of London have acknowledged in this behalf.

Seven other letters of like tenure to Feversham, Rochester, Sandwiche, St. Katherines, Justices of Peace in Middlesex, Justices of Peace in Kent, and the Justices of Peace in Essex.

Payments abroad.

A warraunt to the Tresourer of the Chamber to paye unto Thomas Eaton, Governour of the Merchauntes of Andwerpe, the some of xxxviij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d} disbursed by him beyond the seas for her Majesties affaires at the direction of Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Piracy in Wales.

A letter to the Vicepresident and Counsell in the Marches of Wales to appointe Sir John Perrott, knight, Fabian Phillippes, esquier, and Thomas Lewis, Mayour of Cardift, to repaire into the counties of Monmowthe and Glamorgan to examine certen disorders comitted by pirattes in the counties, aforesaid, acording to a minute remayninge in the Counsell Chest.

Two letters, one to Sir John Perrott, knight, and the other to Thomas Lewis of Cardiff, advertising them of their Lordships' pleasures for their travell into the counties above-

namid for redresse of the aforesaid disorders, requireng them to take some paines therein, and to prepare themselfes furthwith for that service.

An order disobeyed.

A letter to John Wayhan of Wiston, esquier, charging him with his contempt in refusing to come to Sir John Perrott, acording to their Lordships' letters directed unto him in that behalf; he is required to send unto their Lordships furthwith his lawfull excuse for disobeyinge the said Sir John Perrott, orels to make his apparaunce here before the Lords to aunswer thereunto.

A lunatic released.

A letter to the Recorder of London that where one Richard Sheffilde, a lunatike, hath ben commytted to Bridewell for certaine lewde speches utteryd by him, their Lordships, upon the humble peticion of his sister offering to take the charge of him, have thought good to releace him; he is therefore required to deliver the said Sheffield unto his sister.

Corn from the North for London.

A letter to Sir John Foster and other the Justices of Peace in the countie of Northumberland that whereas their Lordships do understand by the Lord Mayour of London that one George Brigges of Newcastell hath by his order provided ij^{c} quarters of wheate in Northumberland for that Citie, and prayeth that the same may be sufferid to passe out and be brought to London; like as their Lordships wold gladly furder the Citie in respect of a faire (*sic*) greater proporcion of corne spent there nowe by the increase of the Citie then heretofore hath been, so they are also carefull of those partes that they be not unfurnished of corne nor the prices muche enhaunsed by the carying out in consideracions of her Majesties garrison there, they are required to consider whither that quantitee of wheate may be spared from thence, and if it may then to suffer the said Brigges or any other for him, in the name and for the said Citee of London, to have and bring hither out of that partes the said ij^{c} quarters of wheate when he shall thincke good this yere. p. 155.

At Westminster, the vjth of Marche, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer. Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.

High Treason. A letter to the Sheriffes of London for the staye of Rutlingham, committed for Highe Treason and quitte, that he be no released without furder order from their Lordships; and lickewise to staie the execucion of one Crompton, condemned for that facte, untill her Majesties plesure be furder understanded.

Licence to eat meat in Lent. A letter to the Mayour of London that where the Frenche Ambassadour, on the behalf of his ladie being sicklie, hath made sute unto their Lordships that one John Rayman, poulter, might be licensed to serve him of fresshe meates being poultrye ware for this Lent season; he is required first to informe him self of thambassadour's steward what quantitees will wekelie serve for the provision of his ladie, and thereupon to appointe that so muche be delivered wekelie unto them; and for the better restrayning of the said Beynam (*sic*) from abusing the libertie of his licence, he is required to take band of him for thobserving thereof, and to appointe some discrete person to see to the poulter's doinges, that no more be utterid by him then is limitted for the satisfieng of the ladye.

Lewd words. A letter to Dr. Westfaling and Doctor Humfreis that where their Lordships are given tunderstand by their letters, and also by the assertion of Robert Wheler and William Souche, Masters of Arte, of certein lewde speaches uttered by one John Plympton, Master of Arte and student in Christes Colledge in that Universitee, against the person of our Soveraigne Ladie the Queen's Majestie, they are required presentlie to cause the said Plumpton to be sent up unto their Lordships, and withall to send up unto them such furder matter concerning the said Plumpton as they shalbe able to discover upon a new examinacion by them to be taken of the said Plompton and his accusers before the sending up of him.

A warraunt for George Ball of Bliston, John Duncombe of Morton, William Abrahall of Cleidon in the countie of Bucks, and John Staunton of Leicester, to make their personall apparaunces before the Lords to aunswer such matter as at their comyng is to be objected against them. p. 156. Letters of summons.

A letter to Thomas Pooley of the countie of Suffolk, esquier, to make his apparaunce before the Lords to aunswer suche matter as is complained againste him.

A letter to the Lord President of Yorke that where one William Johnson of Naworth, in the Baronrie of Gildelande, hath ben a sutour unto the Lords to have a licence to begge in consideracion of certaine losses susteyned, he is required to examyne whither there be anye cause why he shold be relived, and accordinglye to give order for the helping of it. A begging licence.

A letter to the Lord of Hunsdon, Governour of Barwick, Sir Robert Constable, knight, Marshall, Robert Bowes, esquier, Treasourer, and John Selbie, esquier, Gentleman Porter, that where there are certen bandes and specialties turned over to her Majestie by Sir Valentine Browne, knight, for certaine graine and other provisions which he made in the tyme he was Threasurer and Victueller there, and for the levieng whereof their Lordships have written unto them divers former letters, hoping by their good meanes there wold have ben payment made or this tyme, so as Robert Vernon, now having the charge of the Victualling Office, shold have no cause to complaine for want of the same, and understanding by the said Vernon that almoost no parte thereof is paide into his handes; they are required to call all the persons before them whose names they shall receave of the said Vernon, and finding the debt to be dewe, to cawse them to make presente payment to the said Vernon, orels to committe them to prison without any releacement untill such tyme as the said Vernon shall acknowledge himself satisfied of the said debtes. The Berwick accounts.

A letter to Robert Bowes, Treasourer of Barwick, that where there are certaine billes and specialties turnid over to her Majestie by Sir Valentine Browne, late Threasurer

and Victualler there, for victuels and other provision of her Majesties store by him delivered, toguither with the paymentes of money by him made being dew upon the charges of that towne, and for that their Lordships have written their letters unto him to receave the said billes and specialties into his handes and pay over unto Robert Vernon, now havinge the charge of victuelling, and being informed by him that the same is not donne acording to their Lordships' letters; he is required presentlie to take into his charge the said billes and specialties which do remaine in the handes of the said Robert Vernon, and to paye him the money for the same, defalking first every of the said sommes acording as the same shall grow dew; and furder givinge warning unto the said Vernon that he deliver no victuels from henceforth to the said parties untill her Majesties dettes be aunswered.

p. 157. Application for a Charter.

A letter to Mr. Attorney and Sollicitour Generall sendinge unto them a Supplication exhibited by certen feltemakers desireing to be made a Corporacion; forasmuche as it is informed that the Cumpany of the Haberdasshers in London thincke that the same is like to be prejudiciall to their Charters, they shold examyne what both partes could saie, and advertise their Lordships what they thincke mete to be donne acording to lawe.

The defences of Harwich.

A letter to the towne of Harwiche signifieng unto them how that upon a peticion here exhibited by one John Remman, having charge of certen ordenance there, for a new supplie, their Lordships are contendid to move her Majestie therein, so as they of the towne will hereafter maineteyne the same, being especiallie for their defence.

Martin Frobisher's voyage to the North.

A letter to the Lord President in the North signifieng unto him that where this last yere there was a voiadge taken in hand by Marten Furbussher for discoverie of sum partes of the worlde unknowen, wherein there is grete likelihoode that the continuaunce thereof wilbe beneficiall both to the whole realme and particulerlie to suche as are venturers

in the same, and for that sum incouragement might be given for the followinge thereof, her Majestie is pleased to contribute largelie towardes such charges as are now to be imploied; wherefore their Lordships understandinge that diverse merchauntes in the citee of Yorke, townes of Newcastell, Hull and other places under his Lordship's jurisdiction wold also be willing to venter sumwhat in the said voiadge, so as they might be assured of her Majesties and their Lordships' good liking; their Lordships thincke good to desier that, seing by the successe of the last yere soche hope hath ben conceaved of the proffitt of that voiage as both her Majestie and their Lordships have entered into some charges, and coulde wisshe that others wold do the like, his Lordship wold signifie to the inhabitauntes thereaboutes that if any merchaunt or others shalbe willing to contribute and adventure any portion of money in this matter at this tyme he shall ratablie be admitted to the proffitt thereof as others are, only their Lordships require of them that some expedicion be made in the certifieng of the names and habilitees of soche persons as shalbe found willing to contribute any thinge, to thintent the voiadge now shortlie intended might neither be hindered nor they any wise disapointed; and what shalbe donne herein their Lordships desire to be advertised.

The like letter to the Mayour and his brethern of the citie of Bristoll.

Biscuit for Frobisher.

A letter to the Commissioners for the Restrainte of Graine in the countie of Essex requireng them to suffer Walter Persons and Henry Pometell, bakers, dwelling at the Lymehowse besides London, to transporte out of the said countie iiij^{xx} quarters of wheate which they have alredie bargained for, viz.; xl quarters of certaine inhabitauntes of the towne of Malden, and other xl quarters of one Brodecote of Mowsehall in the said countie, which said wheate is to be emploied in biskett necessarie for the furniture of certein barkes of Marten Furbussher and others now entending a voiage to the seas, and that bondes be taken of the said bakers or their factours p. 158.

that they shall retorne certificates from the Customer of London that the said wheate hath been brought to London and employed as aforesaid.

At Westminster, the x^th^ of Marche, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Leicester.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Gipsies and forged licences.

A letter to the Lord Keper that where they are given tunderstand that there are since the last Assises in the countie of Berks apprehendid certen lewde vagabundes, men and women, namyng themselfes Egiptians, wandring under colour of a counterfett licence to be graunted unto them by some of her Majesties Counsell in Yorke, as shall appere unto him by a copie of thexaminacion of some of them which they send his Lordship herewith; and because the nomber of them wold be very chargeable unto the countrey, their Lordships have given order to the Justices there to release them all, savinge only tenne of the chefest, of whom example is to be made, and the rest to be used as apperteyneth to roges and vagabundes, geving them pasportes to repaire to the places where they were borne, and therefore have thought good to requier his Lordship, considering the Assises are past, to graunt out a Commission of *Oier* and *Determyner* to Thomas Parrie, Highe Sherif of that countie, Thomas Cheynie and Griffin Curteis, esquiers, by whom they were apprehendid and examined.

A letter to the Sheriff of Chesshire that where there is of late apprehendid in the countie of Berks lxxx lewde vagabundes deceaving her Majesties subjectes under colour of a counterfett licence to be graunted to them by divers of her Majesties subjectes and Counsailles (*sic*) in Yorke, and upon examinacion some of them hath confessed therefore the same to have ben counterfaited by one Massye, a scolemaster dwellinge at a parisshe within a myle of Whitchurche in

that countie, he is required upon receipt of their Lordships' letters to cause searche to be made for the said Massie, and being found, diligentlie to examyne, and if it shall appere that he be the counterfetour thereof, to commytte him, and furthwith to signifie the same unto their Lordships that furder order may be taken accordinglie.

A letter to the Mayour of Bristoll that where one Alexander Jowsey, Scottisheman, hath ben of late arrested and committed to prison in that citie upon pretence that he was in the cumpanye of one David Wiottie, Scottisheman, against whom certein Spanishe merchauntes had obteyned processes out of the Coourte of thadmiraltie, and by vertue thereof arrested the said Alexander as one of his companions; for that their Lordships understand he, being a merchauntes servant of Edenborough, was onlie to passe with the said Wiottye to Burdeaux for his trade of merchaundizes, having no other doinges with him, and furder are informed that the Sollicitour of the Spanishe Causes hath nothing to object against the said Alexander, upon humble sute made unto their Lordships that suche matters as he is to be chargid with might be determined by the Judge of thadmiraltie here, their Lordship required the person of the said Alexander to be delivered to this bearer, one of the Messingers of her Majesties Chamber, toguither with suche money as he was seased with and came to your handes, deducting his reasonable charges, and to will suche as shall have anye matter against him to followe the same here, where order shalbe taken without delaye as sum speedie ende shall followe acordinge to justice, and so to advertise. p. 159. Release of a Scot.

A letter to the Lord Chief Justice and Mr. Attorney Generall, where complainte is made by Richard Smithe of the county of Suffolke against Walter Norton, gentleman of the said county, charging him to have hard a Masse in his howse, and also to have withstoode the pulling downe of a Rodelofte in the parishe churche of Haselworth, and to have offered Thomas Pooley, esquier, being appointed by the Hearing Mass.

Lord Keper to examyne the doinges of Norton, tenne poundes to advertise favorablie in his behalf, and thereupon their Lordships calling Norton before them, and willing him to aunswer in writing to the complaint aforesaid, in which besides his aunswer he chargeth Smithe with oppression of forgerye and perjurie as shall appere unto them by the said replye and complainte of Smithe here inclosed; forasmuche as their Lordships are desirous for the triall of the troothe to have the causes on both sides substanciallie examyned, have thought good to require them at the next Assises in that countie to call the parties before them, and soche witnesses as are to be produced on both partes, and to examyne their accusacions and aunswers; which yf your (*sic*) leisure and leingth of the matter shall not permitte them to do, then their Lordships desire that they will, as so appointed from them, make choise of some indifferent gentilmen, and to committe the examyninge thereof unto them; and for that Norton as appereth by his replie is to be touched with errour in Religion, and that order hath been taken heretofore for his conformitie therein, it is thought meete that they take order therein acording to lawe, that it seeme not to him to be borne withall in his errour; and upon examinacion thereof to enforme their Lordships that order may be taken acordinglie.

p. 160. At Westminster, the xiijth of Marche, 1576.

The Lord Tresourer. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Treasourer. Mr. Mildmaye.
Mr. Comptroller.

Letters of summons.

A warraunt to warne Thomas Cordall, Robert Sadler, Robert Farmer, James Atkins, John Tornour and John Whelar to make their presente repaier before the Lords of her Majesties moost honorable Privey Counsell, to aunswer to those thinges that shalbe objected against them on the behalf of Thomas Thorneton, &c.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles and Mr. Sollicitour Generall that where there is a matter in controversie betwene Richard Peagrim, merchaunt of London, and Phillippe Machiavellir, an Italian, concerninge ij billes of debt, they are required to call bothe the parties before them and to examyne substanciallie the matter betwene them, as also to deale with the Recorder of London to understand whether he hath given out any certificat under the Seale of the Citie, testifieng a deposicion to be made by Wilson that Machiavellir shold have promysed a generall quitaunce unto Peagrim in consideracion of payment of lxxx^{li}, and acording as it shall stande with equitie and justice to make some good ende betwene them, that their Lordships be no more trobled therewith; which if they shall not be hable to do, then to advertise their Lordships in whom the fault is, that furder [order] may be by them taken accordinglie. A mercantile case.

A letter to the Vice Admirall of Cornewall that where there is remayninge within his custodie certen shippes of the subjectes of Holland and Zelland, which, if they shold not be used, were in dainger toguither with their tacle and furniture to perishe, and therefore he is required to deliver unto Mr. Henrye Sackford, or to suche as he shall appointe, two of the same shippes named the Swanne and the Scourewater, causing first praysement of them to be made for the best commoditie and benefitte of the proprietaries hereafter, when the same shall come to be restored; and their Lordships' letters shalbe his discharge in this behalf, &c. The detained Dutch ships.

A letter to Arthur Breame requireng him upon receipt of their Lordships' letters to make his undelaied apperaunce before their Honours, where he shall furder understand their plesures. A summons.

A letter to Nicholas Turbervile, George Trencher, John Williams of Hernden, and ——— Anthel, esquiers, that where there is a complainte exhibited to their Lordships by the inhabitauntes of the towne of Waymouth against Weymouth and Melcombe Regis. p. 161.

those of Melcombe, who, since the uniting of those townes toguither by Acte of Parliament, have incroched upon the liberties of Weymowth, c[h]allenging certein proffittes of the haven, as petie customes, anchorages, groundage and suche lyke, as by the same complainte which their Lordships send herewith more at large may appere; forasmuche as the uniting of theies townes do not take awaye the prerogative of either of them, and that Weymowth, being the auncient demayne of the Crowne and in possession of her Majestie, shold not be infringed, they are required to make their repaire unto the places aforesaid, and to examyne the griefes of either partie, and acording to justice and equitie to take order for the satisfieng of both partes; and for the better direction of [them] herein, their Lordships have sent downe certein objections and aunswers concerning that controversie which their Lordships will they shall altoguither followe.

Ecclesiastical rents.

A letter to the Earle of Leicester that where their Lordships have written their letters to George Cotton to pay unto the Deane and Chapter of Chester the rentes due for all the landes which he claimeth to be fee farmer of at the daies and feastes acustomed, notwithstanding the suite in the Exchequier here, as by the copie thereof more at large appeareth; and forasmuche as their Lordships are informed that divers others ought also to pay rentes unto the said Deane and Chapiter, to require and pray his Lordship, by vertue of his office as Chamberlaine there, lest remisse of payment shold be in Mr. Cotton or any other, to call before him or his Deputie all the occupiers, farmers and others, that they will pay their rentes to the said Deane and Chapiter at such daies and feastes as they ought to be paide, and see that by his order they may from tyme to tyme be paied acordinglie.

A letter to George Cotton, esquier, that where he pretendeth to holde in fee farme all the landes and tenementes, or the moost parte thereof, belonging to the Colledge of Chester of the fundacion of King Henrye the viijth, and

have of long tyme paide yerelie to the Deane and Chapiter thereof vj^{li} and odde, and becawse their Lordships are informed that there is some suite depending in the Exchequier by informacion of intrusyon of the Queen's Majestie against Sir Hughe Cholmeley, Sir George Calverley and Richard Hurleston, undertenantes of some parte of that landes, wherebye the validity of his fee farme may come in question, and that he is minded to withholde aswell the rente which is alredie due to the said Deane and Chapiter, as also that which shalbe due hereafter; their Lordships, therefore, finding it nothinge prejudiciall unto him to pay the rentes unto the Deane and Chapiter as heretofore he hath donne, and that it is her Majesties plesure the same shold be continued as before tyme it hath been, he is required and commaunded to pay not onlye to the said Deane and Chapiter, or to their Generall Receavour, such parte of the said rentes as is alredie dew, but also all that hereafter shalbe dew untill the said sute now depending shalbe endid.

At Westminster, the xvth of Marche, 1576. p. 162.

The Lord Treasourer. Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Bedford. Mr. Mildemaye.
Thearle of Leicester.

A letter to the Auditour and Surveyour of Ireland that where by a dispatche of the xxvijth of Januarie last their Lordships recevid from the Lord Deputie there certen bookes of the state of her Majesties and other thinges under his hande, and amonge other a boke of the arrerages of debtes due to her Majestie, which by fault of the officers are from yere to yere continued; and because it may more plainelie appeare to her Majestie, her Highnes' plesure therefore is that, with as convenient spede as may be, he do send hither under his hand the whole state of tharrerages, for what cause and upon whom they have ben so long continued, with the qualities, habitacions and habilities of the debtours Irish accounts.

as nere as he can; or if any of them be deade, of their heires, executours and assignes, or other succeding them by lawe liable to their debtes, which be sperat and which desperat, and through whose default they now be become desperat, and withall to yeld the best reasons he can why the boke is so continued as it is; and cannot but marvaile that he, havinge ben so long there and charged speciallie to gather a certentie of her Majesties debtes owing by her there, and to send the same hither unto their Lordships, and hath not donne it all this while, especiallie seing so many billes have ben brought unto thexchequier here of debtes claimed and signified under his hande to be owinge to her Majestie in that realme.

An expedition into Connaught.

Two letters, one to Capten William Collier and the other to Capten Thomas Le Strainge, signifieng unto them the good reporte the Lord Deputie hath made of their service, and emong others of their last jorney into Connaught, but especiallie at Ballyrough Reaugh, not only in defending the same with a small companye, but also of the issuing out the rebells, giveng hartie thanckes therefore, and prayinge them so to continew, which their Lordships will not be unmindfull of when occasion shall serve to their cumforte.

English pirates.

A letter to the Lord Warden of the V Portes that where their Lordships are given tunderstand by letters from the Lieutenant of Dover Castell that certen Highe Duchemen arriving there complained of a spoile donne to them by Capten Lovelace of apparell and jewells to the valew of xvj or xvij^{c} crownes in a certen barke of Sandwich, whereof one Cooke of that towne is master; and furder that Richard
p. 163. Hodges, one Rogers and Woodroufe, sumtyme a boteswaine in some one of her Majesties shippes, with others, have latelie taken out of a vessell which cam out of the Lowe Countreis ij maidens and ij^{c} li in money, and robbed an other vessell of sundrie thinges; and although their Lordshipps know his care to discover such malefactours, yet they have thought good to pray his Lordship to use all good meanes

to discover as muche hereof as he may, and of his doinges to advertise their Lordships.

A placard for the apprehending of the persons above namid.

At Westminster, the xvijth of Marche, 1576.

The Lord Treasourer. Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine. Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Bedford.

Action against gipsies.

A letter to the Sherif of Oxon and Sir Robert Doiley, knight, that wheare they have apprehendid certen roges namyng themselfes Egiptians, forasmuch as there is alredie a Commission sente into the countie of Berks for the trying of diverse of that cumpanie apprehendid in that countie, and that such as have ben by them apprehendid are knowen to be of that troope, they are required to send under safe garde of the nomber of those whom they have committed, namelye, Phelipp Bastien, Rowland Gabriell, Lawrence Banister and John Bailif, that there with the rest they may be procedid against acording to lawe.

A letter to the Sherif and Justices of Peace in the countie of Berks thancking them for their service in apprehending of divers roges naming themselfes Egiptians, requireng them to folowe the Commission of *Oyer* and *Determiner* latelie sent unto them for that purpose, to procede against them acording to lawe and justice, and for their better assistantes therein the Lords have written their letters to Mr. Plowden, appoinetid to be of the said Commission, to make his presente repaire unto them; and for that their Lordships are given to understande that in the countie of Oxon there are also apprehendid divers other rogues knowen to be of the cumpanie of the others taken and committed in Berks aforesaid, their Lordships have lickewise directed their letters to the Sherif [of] the countie of Oxon to send the said rogues unto the Sherif and Justices aforesaid under safe garde, requireng them also to proceade against them with the others.

A letter to Mr. Plowden that where there are apprehendid in the countie of Berks certen rogues namyng themselfes Egiptians, and for that their apprehencion was after thassises, and therefore a Commission of *Oyer* and *Determiner* sent downe expresselie for that purpose, wherein he
p. 164. is appointed a Commissioner for the better assistaunce of the Justices there, and for that some of the said rogues are charged with Highe Treason, he is required to make his repaire furthwith into the said countie, and there to assiste the said Justices with his counsaile and advise for the better proceding therin.

At Westminster, the xxvth of Marche, 1577.

The Lord Keper.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Bedford.	

Restrictions on the corn trade.

A letter to Christofer Copleston, esquier, in aunswer of his to their Lordships, by which he gyveth them tunderstande that he hath made staie of certaine graine shipped within the haven of Plymouthe, which he hath caused to be landed and sellared, and also of one shippe laden with graine out of thisle of Garnesey, bound for Portingall; he is thancked for his carefull dealing therein, and is required to make sale of that which he hath cawsed to be unshipped; and for the other shippe to release her and to suffer her to passe in her voyadge, by reason the Captain of that Isle hath allwaies used by aucthoritie that suche quantitees of graine as might be spared to be caryed into other partes; he is furder required, that upon like staye to be made hereafter, to conferre the rest of the Commissioners and to take order therein toguither.

A matrimonial case.

A letter to Mr. Doctour Dale, Master of the Requestes, Sir Rowland Heyward and others, that whereas John Dymock hath exhibited unto their Lordships a Supplicacion

sent herewith unto them conteyning certen misdemeanours committed, as he sayeth, by his wief during his absence of late yeres in Sweden, they are required [to examine] as well his said wife as any other person namyd in the said Supplicacion whom they shall thincke mete to be examyned, and such furder particularities as shall seeme requisite to be understoode concerning the same; and furder to use the best meanes they can to bring the parties to some reasonable composicion suche as they shall thincke reasonable to agree with justice; which if they shall not be able to do, to signifie what they have donne therein, to thende that furder order may be taken accordinglie.

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The tenants of the Dean and Chapter of Durham.

A letter to the Lord President in the North that whereas their Lordships do remember that not long sithence they wrote their letters unto him in the behalf of certen inhabitauntes of the Buisshoprick of Duresme complaining against the Deane and Chapter of that Churche, desyreng his Lordship either to take sum order therein wherewith the said complainantes might rest satisfied, orels to advertise their Lordships of his opinyon that furder order might be taken acordinglie; notwithstanding the said parties are returned, as they say, without any relief, and have exhibited other Supplicacions to their Lordships, which if they be trew they cannot but pitey their cases, and thincke that Pilkington, in so using the complaynantes wife, hath muche forgotten his duetie; he is required to examyne the contentes of their inclosed Supplicacions and to take suche ordre therein as may be agreable with justice, so that the complaynantes may have no furder cause to complaine and repaire hither againe, and of his doinges to advertise their Lordships as sone as he conveniently may.

At Westminster, the xxvijth of Marche, 1577.

The Lord Keper.	Thearle of Bedford.
The Lord Tresourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.

A mercantile case.

A letter to Mr. Justice Southcote, Sir William Winter, knight, and Mr. Doctour Lewis, that where there hath ben exhibited unto their Lordships a peticion by Thomas Thorneton and Edward Jeston against Thomas Cordall and others, merchauntes of London, for a contribucion to be made unto them for their charges and expences of a suite happenid at Malega in Spaigne, where Thorneton was imprisoned and constrained to disburse 170*li*, their Lordships have (for that the cawse semeth intricate) made choise of them three, and do desire them to call both parties before them and substanciallie to examyne the matter and such other witnesses as are to be produced on either side to testifie therein, and thereupon to make such ende thereof as shall seme to stande with equitie and justice, that their Lordships be no more troubled therewith.

The trial of the gipsies.

A letter to the Lord Keper, whereas the rogues which latelie were taken in the countie of Bucks cannot be tried in the countie of Berks by vertue of the Commission that latelie was sent downe to the Sheriff and Justices there, his Lordship is required to cause a like Commission of *Oyer* and *Determiner* to be directed to the Sherif and Justices of the countie of Bucks, that they lickewise may procede against the said rogues acording to the lawes of this realme ordeyned to that purpose.

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An impudent impostor.

A letter to Mr. Recorder of London, understanding by letters from Sir Henry Ratclif and others that they have committed to the gaole of Winchester one John Hamlett, being one of the spreaders of the rumours in that countye of taking up of pewter and brasse, and hathe confessed that one Banckeley, a showmaker now working in London, shold be the principall aucthor of that rumour; and for that he knoweth not in what place of London the said Banckeley worketh, he is required to call unto him the Wardens of that occupacion to use all good meanes to finde out and apprehend, and being commytted to examyne him upon such pointes as he shall gether out of the deposicions of

Hamlett and two others taken in that behalf, which with the said Sir Henries letters their Lordships send unto him, praying to be certified of his doinges toguither with his opinion and the said deposicions and letters.

The trial of the gipsies.

A letter to the Sherif of Bucks, Sir Robert Doiley and the rest of the Justices there, that where their Lordships by letters from Sir Robert Doiley certifieng the apprehencion in that countie of certein rogues namyng themselfes Egiptians, gave order that they sholde be safelie conveyed into the countie of Bercks, there to be tried with others of their cumpany; and understanding since that by the woordes of the Statute they are onlye to be tried by thinhabitauntes of the place where they are apprehendid, they are required to receve the said rogues againe, and by vertue of the Commyssion of *Oyer* and *Determyner* which they shall receve herewith, to proceade against them acording to the lawes of the realme ordeyned in that behalf.

A letter to the Sherif of Barks, whereas their Lordships understanding by letters from them that such rogues as were apprehendid in the countie of Bucks, and by their Lordships' order sent unto them to be with others by them apprehendid proceaded against, cannot by expresse woordes of the Statute be tryed but by the inhabitauntes of the place where they were apprehendid; their Lordships have appoineted a like Commission of *Oyer* and *Determiner* to be furthwith sent unto the Sherif and the Justices of that countye, by vertue whereof they shall proceade against them acording to lawe; they are therefore required to cause the said rogues to be under safe garde returned againe to the Sherif and Justices of Bucks aforesaide, that they may go forward to the triall of them there; and where by his letters it is advertised that he hath made staye of thexecucion of Phelippe Bastian becawse he may give evidence againste others, their Lordships do very well like thereof, and for his care and diligence in this service yeld him their hartie thanckes.

The troubles at Antwerp.

A letter to the Governour and Company of the Merchauntes Adventurers at Bruges that where their Lordships are given
p. 167. tunderstand that one Philippe Fisshe sending from Italie by the conductour a chest of taffatas, which was deliverid into thenglish Howse at Andwerpe [and], hath since the trobles there ben staied for the ransom of the said Fisshe, and rated after 50li the hundred, after which rate his raunsome amounteth to 140li, and others are rated but at 20li the hundred; they are therefore required, consideringe the said Fisshe is a yong begynner, to have regard thereunto that he be not exacted on more then others, and in the meane tyme to deliver the said chest of taffatas to such as shalbe appointed by Walter Fisshe, her Majesties tailer, taking of him or them sufficient sureties to aunswer so muche money for the said chest as acording to equitie the raunsome of the same shall ratablie amounte unto.

A charge of oppression.

A letter to the Sherif of the countie of Somerset that where there hath been exhibited unto their Lordships a complainte of Hughe Smyth of Longe Assheton in that countie, wherein he is charged with oppression and other misdemeanours, he is required to call the said Smyth before him, and to take sufficient bandes of him to her Majesties use for his apparaunce here before their Lordships the first day of Esther Terme next.

A charge against a Bishop.

A letter to the Buisshop of Elie signifieng unto him that their Lordships perceving by his and other Justices letters there the unquiett dealing of George Hasell towardes him, and his aunswer to the articles which Hasell laied in against him, have thought good to will him to be before their Lordships about the beginninge of the next Terme to aunswer furder to the matter, at which tyme he shall do well to send one hither also well instructed therein.

A letter to George Hasell commaunding him to make his personall apparaunce before their Lordships about the beginninge of the next Terme to aunswer before them to the partes

of the Informacion againste the Bishop of Elye and his replicacion to the same, and other matters that at his comynge he shall furder understand of.

At Westminster, the last of Marche, 1577. p. 168.

The Lord Keper.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Bedford.	

Piracy in Wales.

A letter to Sir John Perrott, knight, Phabian Phillippes and Thomas Lewis, esquiers, that wheare their Lordships are donne to understand that on their procedinges in the examinacion of piracies within the counties of Glamorgan and Monmothe, acording to their Lordships' letters directed to them in that behalf, they wold have Nicholas Harbert, Sherif of the countie of Glamorgan, upon sum matter that they wold chardge him withall enter into bande for his apparaunce before the Councell of the Marches upon the very day of the Sessions for Pleas and Gaole Deliverie to be holden in that countie the weke next folowinge Lowe Easther Sonday, whereby his person may be hindersom to her Majestie's service; forasmuch as their Lordships' letters do only direct them to examyne all such as are to be found to have offendid in bearing out of the pirattes and buyenge their spoiles within the counties where their offence have ben committed, and of such some to be bounde to appere here before their Lordships and other some to be bounde to aunswer to justice within the counties of their aboode, they are required first for Nicholas Harbert that they forbeare him presently, consideringe the necessittee of her Majestie's service; and if upon examinacion either before or after the Sessions they shall finde him culpable, then to binde him for his apparaunce here before their Lordships at such tymes as he may be moost convenientlie spared from the service there; and for the rest to followe the direction of their Lordships' former

letters, and to examyne them and their offences in the counties where they have ben committed and not before the Councell in the Marches, for such was their Lordships' meaninges in appoineting their Circuites.

p. 169. At Westminster, the first of Aprill, 1577.

The Lord Keper.	Thearle of Bedford.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Arundell.	Mr. Secretarie.

Restrictions on the corn trade.

A letter to the Buisshopp of Chichester advertiseng him of the receipt of his letter and of certen Informacions deliverid unto their Lordships by William Grover, Undersearcher of the porte of Chichester, concerning the shipping of 90 quarters of graine; which, for that it appeareth the same is not to be warraunted by any good aucthoritee and by his permission suffered to be there imbarqued, his Lordship is required by the first day of Esther Terme next, all unnecessarie delaies laid aparte, to make his personall apparaunce before their Lordships.

The like letter to Dr. Wooreley, his Chauncelour, for his apparaunce also at that day and tyme.

A letter to Richard Erneley, Richard Lewkenour, esquiers, the Mayour of the citie of Chichester and the officers of the porte there, that where there hath ben imbarqued within the porte aforesaid by one James Hoare, of Waterford in the realme of Ireland, certaine graine contrarie to the Statute and her Majesties expresse comaundement and Commyssion against the transporting of graine and victuell out of the realme, they are required furthwith to see the same unshipped and safelie to be bestowed in some place where it may be carefullye preserved untill such tyme as they shalbe furder directed from their Lordships for the bestowinge thereof.

At Westminster, the ij^de of Aprill, 1577.

The Lord Keper.	Thearle of Bedford.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.

Works at Portsmouth.

A letter to Sir Henry Ratecliff, knight, Capten of Portesmowthe, that where by his letter they are given tunderstand of a breache made in the new fortificacion by accident of tempest and other harme lately donne by violence of the sea, which their Lordships desireng to be carefully considered of, have called Mr. Popingey, Surveyor of Portesmowth, before them, and having conferred with him thereof, they have thought good to send the said Surveyour downe unto him, with whom he is required to conferre, and upon a view taken thereof by them and an extymate (*sic*) of the charges what the repayreng thereof will amounte unto, the said Surveyor is appointed to retorne unto their Lordships, and then to receive their furder direction acordinglie. p. 170.

Orders in Council affecting Wales.

A letter to the Vicepresident and Counsell in the Marches of Wales for the reformyng and establishing of certein Orders set downe by her Majestie and the Lords of her Majesties mooste honorable Privey Councell, the contentes of which letter is conteyned in a mynute remayninge in the Councell Chest.

The Orders signed by her Majestie with the others signed by the Lords of the Privey Councell remayne by minute in the handes of Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

At Westminster, the iiij^th of Aprill, 1577.

The Lord Keper.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Warwick.	

Tampering with the coinage.

A letter to Richard Martin, Warden of her Majesties Mynte, that whereas one Richard Robins of the parishe of

St. Mary Wolmers in Lumbard Streate, goldsmythe, latelie apprehendid by him for clippinge and filinge of her Majesties coigne, and thereupon committed to preson, he is in her Majesties name required upon receipt of their Lordships' letters to sease and take into his handes all such tooles, instrumentes, provisions, clippinges, counterfettes and monies clipped or deminished as he shall finde within the howse of the said Richard Robins, or in any other place, and to see the same safelie kept untill her Highnes' plesure be furder knowen; and also all officers whatsoever, &c., are required upon the sight hereof to be assisting unto him at all tymes as they tender her Majesties service, and will aunswer to the contrarie.

p. 171. At Westminster, the viijth of Aprill, 1577.

The Lord Keper.	Thearle of Bedford.
The Lord Tresourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Arundell.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Warwick.	

Sumptuary regulations. Letters to all the shieres within the realme concerninge the observacion of the late Proclamacion for the reformyng of the excessivenes of apparell, acording to a mynute remayning in the Councell Cheste.

At Westminster, the ixth of Aprill, 1577.

The Lord Admirall.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Bedford.	

A special Sessions. A letter to the Master of the Rolles and Mr. Justice Southecote, their Lordships understanding by their letters of the xxviijth of Marche that they have taken some paines

in the new examyning of those who for their insolencie committed at Holliwell are now in pryson, how be it they can not be brought to confesse any more then what they have donne alredye before Mr. Fissher and Mr. Lieutenant; the matter being very fowle and not to be passed over, with some exemplary punishement to be used for the preventing of the like hereafter, they are required to appointe a Sessions for that purpose, and to indight them and set upon the heades of the chiefest offendours such fines as they shall thincke agreeable to the qualitee of their offence, and consideracion to be had for the satisfieng of such her Majesties subjectes as have ben hurte and maymed at the apprehending of the said offendors, and upon their releacement to binde them to their good behaviour in sufficient bandes, takeng good sureties of them to that ende before their deliverye.

A bargain repudiated.

A letter to Sir Henry Ratcliff, knight, Capten of Portesmowth, that where there hath ben exhibited against the Mayour of Portismouth and others of that towne by Stephin Sharpie and Richard Lyne, of Crambrough in the countie of Kent, a complainte for that the said Maiour and the rest havinge made sale unto them of a certaine quantitee of Tholouze woode, made staie of the same after they had receved money therefore and the woode was imbarqued, pretending to revoke a generall warraunt for the sale thereof given by them before unto the buyers aforesaid; he is required to examyne the matter, and acording to justice and equitie to take order therein. p. 172.

A forged licence.

A letter to the Sherif of Chester that where by his letter of the xxixth of Marche their Lordships are given tunderstand of thapprehencion of Massie, a scolemaster accused for the counterfeting of a licence graunted from diverse of her Majesties Counsell of Yorke unto certaine rogues namyng themselfes Egiptians, and being examined hath simplie confessed the fact; he is required to cause the said Massie to be sent up unto the Marshalsey under safe garde, and to be kept from conference by the waye.

Works at Newcastle.

A letter to the Treasourer of Barwick to pay unto Thomas Sutton, Master of thordinance there, all such somes of money as he shall ley out for the reparacion of the Queen's Majesties storehowses for her ordenance at Newcastell, so his bookes of charges about the same be advouched by the Mayour of Newcastell, the Marshall of Barwick, the Comptroller of the Workes and the Comptroller of thoffice of the Ordenance there.

At Westminster, the xvth of Aprill, 1577.

Appearances before the Clerks.

Vincent Curson and John Denham, esquiers, being bound to appere before their Lordships to aunswer unto a complainte laide against them for the inclosure of certaine woodeland called the Quarters, recorded their apparaunces the day above written.

At Westminster, the xvjth of Aprill, 1577.

The Lord Keper.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Bedford.	

The Musters.

A letter to the Lord Mordaunt and other Commissioners for the Musters and trayninge of men in the countie of Northampton, &c., acording to the mynute remayninge in the Councell Chest.

An enclosure case.

John Denham of the countie of Bucks, esquier, being bound to appere before their Lordships touching the inclosure of certaine woodland called the Quarters, made this day his apparaunce.

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A Westminster, the xviijth of Aprill, 1577.

The Lord Keper.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Bedford.	

Enclosures in Bucks and Oxfordshire.

Whereas two severall Supplicacions were this day exhibited unto their Lordshippes, thone in the behalf of sundrie the inhabitauntes of the townes and parishes of Horton, Studley, Stanton, Warnehall, Brill and Ockley in the counties of Bucks and Oxon, complayninge of certaine inclosures made by Vincent Curson of Waterpurie in the countie of Oxon, esquier, John Dinham of Berstall in the countie of Bucks, esquier, and Richard Leigh of Ockley in the said countie of Bucks, gentleman, in certein woddye and waste groundes commonlye called the Quarters and Stonehurste; the other supplicacion on the behalf of certen thinhabitauntes of Brill, Lurgishall, Wotton, Dorton and Hume in the countie of Bucks aforesaid, touching certein like inclosures made as is pretendid by the abovenamyd John Denham in places called Bernardes Lawne Bledlowes Bagge, Kinges Woode, Neather and Upper Russhebeddes, in which woodye waste and other groundes before mencioned thinhabitauntes of the places before named pretend to have had common for their beastes and cattell above the memorye of man, and that they ought still to enjoye the same, which as they have informed they cannot peaceablie do by reason that they have been and are impeached from the use of the said pretendid commons by the gentlemen aforenamed; whereupon the said Vincent Curson, John Denham and Richard Leighe being sent for and called in before their Lordships, after some speache had about the said matters aswell with them as also with some of the tenantes complayninge, it was thought good and so ordered by their Lordships, with the consent of the Lord Keper of the Greate Seale of England then present, that a Comyssion under the Greate Seale should be dyrected to certen espetiall persones of both the abovenamid counties, viz., to thearle of Bedford, Lord Grey of Wilton, Sir Frauncis Knolles, knight, Treasourer of her Majesties Howsehold, Sir Robert Drurye, Sir Henry Lea, Sir Edmunde Asshefield, Sir Edward Umpton, Sir William Babington, knightes, John Cheynie of Chesseboies, Mighell Blunte, Griffith Hampden, and George Davers, esquiers, or any xj, x, ix, viij, vij, vj or v of them, whereof the said Earle of Bedford,

Lord Grey, Sir Fraunces Knolles, Sir Robert Drurye, Sir Henrye Leea (*sic*), Sir Edmunde Asshefielde, knightes, to be two, and they joinectelie for bothe shieres at some metinge
p. 174. toguither to be appoineted for this purpose in the towne of Tame in the countie of Oxon on the Monday in the weke next ensuynge Whit Sonday weke, being the iij^{de} of June, there and then to here and examyne the contentes of the said Supplicacions, which it is thought convenient by their Lordships to have annexed to the Commyssion for the better direction and proceading of the said Commissioners; and after that they shall have hearde and understoode the whole controversie betwene them, toguither with all and everie suche circumstaunces and particularities as appertaine to the same, and further shall have seen suche proofes, evidences and witnesses which are to be produced on eche side, either for the mainetenance of the custome and contynuaunce of the common claymed by the inhabitauntes in the places aforesaide or alleadged by thother gentlemen to the contrarie, the said Commissioners shalbe willed by vertue of their said Comission to do their best indevours for the compounding and ending of the matter in some frindelie sorte, yf it may be, betwene them, orels to returne unto their Lordships particuler advertisement and certificat of their doinges in this behalf betwene this and Midsomer day next ensuyinge, that thereupon furder order may be taken acording to right and justice.

At Westminster, the xxijth of Aprill, 1577.

Thapparaunce as before.

The Musters. A letter to the Commissioners appointed for the trayning of shotte within the countie of Huntington that where they desire that of 150 appoineted to be trained within that countie to have 50 abated as being a thing over chargeable to their countrey, and withall to be permytted to taxe those of iiij^{li} landes and xl^{s} goodes to contribute to the charge thereof, they are aunswered that the nomber is not to be

abated, and for an easier burden to the charge they are permytted to cesse those that are rated as above; and where they certifie the calliver to cost xxvj^{s} viij^{d}, it is founde that the same is to be bought with the furniture at xiij^{s} iiij^{d} and under, and the murryon at v^{s}; and if the soldiers have no sworde and dagger of his owne it was not ment that the countrey shalbe charged therewith at this presente, but to be trained without till they can provide themselfes; neither is it ment that they shall have anye coates at the charge of the shiere, so that lesse then the one half by them set downe will serve. The Musters.

A letter to the Commissioners in the countie of Bedford in aunswer of theirs requyreng the like abatement, which is not mete to be graunted; but for an ease in the taxinge to helpe the same by those that are sett in the Subsedie at iij^{li} landes and iiij^{li} goodes. p. 175.

A letter to the Commissioners in the countie of Dorset that where they require to have a longer day appoineted to beginne their Musters, as not being able, the letters comyng so shortlye before Easther unto their handes, to observe the first tyme prescribed; they are aunswered that so they take some tyme before Whitsontide for the first trayninge, so that the second tyme be in the Whitson weeke acording to the Instructions, that it shall suffice.

A like letter to the Commissioners in the countie of Lincoln, that where they require for the inhabilitee of the shiere to have the cesse for the trayninge of shotte extended upon suche as are cessed at v^{li} and under in the Subsedie, they are permytted to levie the same upon suche also as are taxed at v^{li}, at iij^{li} landes and iiij^{li} goodes, but not under.

A letter of like effect to the Commissioners of the countie of Wilteshire, that where they require for an ease of the charge in that shiere that of ten daies appoineted in the yeare for the trayninge of shotte, they may onlye use but iiij^{or} daies; for diverse consideracions they are aunswered

that forasmuch as it is a generall order taken throughe the realme, which is not thought convenient to be altered, that her Majesties plesure is that the daies shall not be deminished, being found upon consideracion of the abilitee of the shiere that the somme convenient for that purpose is to be levied easilie after the rate of vj^{li} landes and iiij^{li} goodes.

A letter of the same tenure to the Commissioners in the countie of Surrey, that where they require for the ease of the shiere to have of the nomber 150 some to be rebated, they are aunswered that it is not thought so convenient; howbeit for the easing of the burden and charge thereof they are permitted to take suche towardes that charge as did contribute towardes the Subsedie in that countie as do dwell in Barmesey Strete and Sowthwerke.

Item, that they may have the calliver at xiij^{s} iiij^{d} furnished, the murrion at v^{s} and under, and that it is not ment that the countrey shalbe charged with swordes and daggers for the soldiours at this tyme of trayninge, but rather he shold have it of his owne or make provision therefore hereafter.

The Council Chamber.

A warraunt to the Tresourer of the Chamber to deliver to Robert Langham, Keper of the Councell Chamber, for provision of bowghes and flowers for the said Chamber, and for his diligence and paines there taken for one whole yere endid at thanunciacion of Our Ladie last past, the sum of x^{li}.

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A coiner sent to the Tower and employed in the Mint.

A letter to the Sheriffes and Recorder of London, whereas there remaineth in prison under their charge one ——— Crompton, condemned for matters of coyninge, the Queen's Majesties plesure is for certaine consideracions that he be removid and deliverid by them to the Lieutenant of the Towre, to be there furder orderid as shalbe signified unto him, unto whom letters be written unto (*sic*) to receve him at their handes.

A letter to the Lieutenant of the Towre signifieng that the Queen's Majesties plesure is he shall receve from the

Sheriffes of London the person of one ——— Crompton, whom he is willed to kepe safelie untill he shall receve other order for his discharge; in the meane tyme it is thought by reason of his cunninge and experience in working he may do some good service about her Majesties Mynte, he shold be imploied in those workes as the Warden of [the] Mynte from tyme to tyme shall thinke mete to use him; and furder to suffer his wife and frindes to have recourse at convenient tymes unto him, foreseing that good regard be had that he comytte not any escape.

Letters to the Lord Mayor.

A letter to the Mayour of London that where by a Supplicacion inclosed exhibited to their Lordships by Thomas Poulteney he complaineth that he shold impeache him from the selling of such gravell as he was wonte to digge in his owne groundes, and cause to be caried into that Citee, their Lordships have thought good to send the same unto him before they wold proceade to take any order, requireng him as sone as he conveniently may to returne unto them some aunswer, to thintent that upon consideration thereof their Lordships may knowe what to resolve therein.

The insurance question.

Another to the said Lord Mayour, where Doctour Hector in his inclosed peticion exhibited to their Lordships hath requested that acordinge to an order given by him to the Chamberlaine of that Citee he might have into his possession upon good sureties suche money as Aldermen Dixe and Philippe Dodde have deposited by vertue of an awarde made by certaine arbitrers in a matter of assuraunce; forasmuche as they desire to understand how the matter standeth, and because the money contrarie to his order is not delivered to the said Hector, he is required to call the said Chamberlaine and others afore him, and upon examinacion of the matter either to make some ende betwene them himself, or to certifie what they pretend to the contrarie, to thend they may thereupon take furder order acordinglie.

p. 177. The Musters in the Cinque Ports.

A letter to the Lord Aburgaynie and other the Commissioners appointed for the taking of Musters in the countie of Kent that whereas they were latelie orderid by letters from her Majestie to leavie the nomber of 500 men within that countie of Kent, to be trained with callivers, the same to be taken aswell of the bodie of the countie as of other cities, townes, and places pretending by priviledge to be exempted from the charge of the Justices of Peace of that shire; forasmuche as her Majestie meaneth not to prejudice the priviledges of the V Portes, who desire to be mustered by themselves by the direction of the Lord Warden of those Portes as heretofore they have ben admitted to do, yt is signified unto them that order is given to the said Lord Warden that he cause to be furnished and trained the nomber of 100 men for the Portes, the same to be taken and accounted as parcell of the said 500 to be leavied and trained within that whole countie.

A letter to the Lord Cobham that whereas the Queen's Majestie hath given order to have levied and trained in every shiere of this realme a certen nomber of men, and hath appointed to have 500 to be trained and kept in redines in the countie of Kent, the same to be furnished all with callivers; forasmuche as that whole nomber is to be levied aswell of the bodie of the same countie as of other cities, townes, and places pretending by priviledge to be exempted from the charge of the Justices of Peace in that shiere, and her Majestie meaneth not to prejudice the priviledges of the V Portes and Members thereof, it is signified unto his Lordship that he shall take order that there may be levied within the Portes and Members in Kent 100 hable men to be kepte in redines in suche sorte as is expressed in the said letters and Instructions for that shiere, to be taken and deducted of the said 500 appointed in the said shiere; and also to cause to be put in like order fortie men in the countie of Sussex for the Portes and Members in that countie, the same to be parcell

and deducted of the 500 (*sic*) ordered to be leavied and trained in the said whole shiere.

A letter to the Commissioners for the Musters in Sussex that wheare they were latelie orderid from her Majestie to leavie 300 men within that countie, the same to be taken aswell of the bodie of the counties as of townes and places pretending to be exempted from the charge of the Justices of Peace in that shiere; forasmuch as her Majestie meaneth not to prejudice the priviledges of the Five Portes, who pretend to be mustered aparte by the direction of the Lord Cobham, it is signified unto them that order is given to the said Lord Warden that he shall cawse to be viewed, furnished and trained the nomber of fortie men, the same to be taken in that countie as parcell of the said 300.

Dr. Story's widow.

A letter to Mr. Fissher and Mr. Marshe, understanding that the wief of the late Doctor Storie, being an aged woman, is retornid into this realme in very pore estate, and nevertheles her brother Thomas Hughes and other her frindes in consideracion of her husbandes offence do forbere to relieve her with suche necessaries as she wanteth untill her Majesties plesure might be first knowen for their discharge; they are required to send for the said widowe before them, and informing themselfes from her by the best meanes they can devise for what cause is she retornid hither, whether she hath ben acquaineted with any wordes, devises, or practises of her late husband or others against the Queen's Majestie and her estate, what letters and messages she hath brought over to any person, and whither she mindeth to continewe in this realme, and wilbe content to submytte and conforme herself in matters of Religion to her Majesties lawes and procedinges. Of all which they are required to advertise as sone as they conveniently may, to thend furder order may be taken for her as shalbe thought convenient.

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Hearing Mass.

A letter to Sir Henry Assheley, Sir John Horsey, Sir Richard Rogers, knightes, and George Trenchard, esquier,

thancking them for their paines and travell taken in discovering suche persons as are suspected to have ben at Masse in the Ladie Tregonwel's howse, &c. ; and furder, &c., acording to the mynute remayninge, &c.

The Corporation of Spanish Merchants.

Whereas there hath ben of late a certen controversie moved before their Lordships betwene some merchauntes trading Spaine and certen other merchauntes of the Societie of the Merchauntes Adventurers, which desire to be with the said Spanishe merchauntes admitted and recevid as members of a Corporacion and Company of Spanishe Merchauntes, which acording to her Majestie's assent and good will alredie graunted at their Lordships' request is to be established by her Highnes' Charter under the Greate Seale of England; their Lordships havinge at sundrie tymes heretofore had divers merchauntes of both partes before them, and at large hearde and considered the griefes, allegacions, reasons and aunswers on eche side, this day have for certein good consideracions them moving thought convenient to order and ende the sayde controversie betwene them in maner as foloweth :—

In primis it was thought convenient and so ordered by their Lordships, both parties submitting themselfes to their honorable determinacion, that William Hewer, John Heidon, William Whitemore, Wiliam Massan, Robert Brooke, Richard Halke, William Comber, John Borne, Robert Pecocke, John Johnson, Robert Cales, George Culimor, Richard Barrett, Randall Mannynge, Thomas Roase, John Gardiner, Alexander Avenon, Anselme Beckett, Nicholas Hewett, Randall Sims, Bauldwin Decham, George Sotherton, Robert Walkedey and Anthonye Keye, being xxiiij in nomber, and as they saie of the Societie of the Merchauntes Adventurers, which at this tyme also desire to be admitted into the said Corporacion of Merchauntes trading Spaine which is by her Majesties
p. 179. Charter to be established, in which countreis the said Merchauntes Adventurers alleadge to have had trade heretofore without any impeachement to the contrarie, shall also at this tyme, for themselfes, their children and apprentices, be

recevid and admitted in the said Charter as members of the said Corporacion of Spanishe Merchauntes, to use exercise, and occupie the same trade in suche maner and sorte as shalbe by the said Charter permitted and graunted unto any others without any unlawfull molestacion or empeachement to be donne or procured to be donne by thothers namyng them[selves] Spanishe merchauntes to the contrarie. *Proviso*, that eche of the xxiiij Merchauntes aforesaid shall pay for their admission the somme of five poundes to the behalf and use of the whole Cumpanye. The Corporation of Spanish Merchants.

And whereas it was alleadged on the behalf of the said Spanishe Merchauntes that both the bookes which were to passe her Majesties signeture and the Grete Seale weare alredy drawen and faire written at their charges, and that the new writing of them againe for the bringing in and uniting in one bodie of the said xxiiij Merchauntes Adventurers before named wold be chargeable; forasmuch as it is considered by their Lordships that by the admission of the said xxiiij Marchauntes Adventurers acording to this order they were to take the chefest benefite, it was thought good and so ordered by their Lordships that the said xxiiij Merchauntes Adventurers shold ratablie beare the whole charges of the drawing and writing of the two former bookes as is aforesaid, if any suche shall have ben so prepared as is alleadged, and also all other charges and expences as are to be paide for the new writing of the said bookes, and for the passing of the said Charter under her Majesties signeture, Signet, Privey Seale and Grete Seale of England, without any gainesayinge, excuse or exception but (*sic*) to be used by the said xxiiij Merchauntes Adventurers above named, or any of them to the contrarie; and so both partes having acknowledged themselfes contented and willing to stand to performe and observe this their Lordships' order, they were all dismissed and willed to behave themselves as dutifull subjectes and good frindes and neighbours both in their trade into Spaine and other accions.

At Westminster, the xxiiijth of Aprill, 1577.

Appearances before the Clerks.

Hughe Smithe of the countie of Somerset, esquier, being by commaundment from their Lordships willed to appere before them the first of Esther Terme concerning matter in controversie betwene him and Walter Weekes, entered his apparaunce the day above written.

This day Robert Feake, Hughe Bruer, and Edmund Payne, being bounde to appere the first day of the Terme for a matter of libelling against the Deane of Norwich, entered their apparaunces.

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At the Sterre Chamber, the xxvjth of Aprill, 1577.

The Lord Keper.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Comptroller.

High Treason.

A letter to the Sheriffes of London to deliver unto the Lieutenant of the Tower the person of Richard Robinson, goldsmithe, accused and apprehendid for Highe Treason and comitted to the Counter.

The like letter to the Lieutenant to receve him and to comitt him to safe prison, there to be kept from conference of any person untill furder order may be taken for him.

The Musters.

A letter to the Commissioners for the Musters in the countie of Somersett giving them thanckes for their carefull and forwarde procedinge in that service, requireng them for the rest to followe the former Instructions sent unto them concerninge that matter.

At Westminster, the xxvijth of Aprill, 1577.

Appearances before the Clerks.

William Harbert of the Highe Strete in Cardiffe, John ap John of Cogan, John Robertes ap Evan and David

Robertes, being bounden by the Commissioners appointed for the examyninge of the matters of piracies in the counties of Glamorgan and Monmothe to appere here before their Lordships to aunswer to suche matter as is to be objected against them concerninge the said piracies, entered their apparaunces.

At Westminster, the xxviijth of Aprill, 1577.

Appearances before the Clerks.

Rowland Morgan, esquier, being bound to appere before their Lordships to aunswer a matter concerninge the not assistinge of a Commission sent into Wales for the apprehencion of certein pyrattes haunting those partes, entered his apparaunce the day above written.

John Thomas of Lanvihangell, bound to appere for the like matter, made his apparaunce.

William Morgan of Lanternam, esquier, being bound as above, entered his apparaunce.

At the Lord Keper's howse, the xxixth of Aprill, 1577. p. 181.

The Lord Keper.	Thearle of Bedford.
The Lord Tresourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	

A detained ship.

A letter to Mr. Frauncis Godolphin and Mr. Thomas Chiverton that where there hath ben exhibited unto their Lordships a peticion by ne John Radermaker, merchaunt strainger resident in London, concerninge a shippe called the Trinytee of Rosco in Britaine, laden in Spaine with seckes, oyles, olives and other merchaundizes for the Lowe Countreis, parte whereof hath ben landed at Whitson Bay, and the barque after bourded and brought into Mountes Baye, where with others she remayneth staied; forasmuche as he

desireth the same may be released and delivered unto him, they are required to examyne the state of the matter substanciallie, and if they shall finde that it ought to be restored to the said Radermaker, to take such order that the same may be delivered unto him or his sufficient deputie; but if they shall finde cause of furder staye, then to advertise their Lordships thereof, and in the meane tyme to take inventorie thereof till furder order shalbe taken therein for their direction.

Restrictions on the corn trade.

A letter to thearle of Arundell, Lord Vicount Mountague and other the Commissioners within the countie of Sussex for the Restrainte of Graine and Victuells, that where their Lordships are given tunderstand that in Februarie last there arrived in the porte of Chichester a barke called the Margarett of Wassheforde in Ireland, laden with 300 barrells of hearinges apperteyninge to William Scollicke, which hearinges were utterid at xv^{s} the barrell and under, receaving for the same in exchainge the nomber of 100 quarters of malte and 50 quarters of wheate, paying for the malt 16^{s} and for the wheate 24^{s} the quarter; in consideracion thereof and for that the pore man hath staied here a long tyme, their Lordships have thought good to permytt him to transporte the quantitee of graine aforesaid, praying them to give order to the officers there that they suffer him quietlie to passe therewith, paying the custome due to her Majestie in that behalf, taking sufficient bandes that the same be not transported to any other place then is pretendid.

Warrant for posthorses.

A warraunt dormaunt for the Treasourer of Barwick in parchement for post horses for himself and his servantes as he shall send to and fro for his busines to the Coourte or other places.

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The Musters.

A letter to the Comissioners of the Musters in the countie of Cambridge touching the trayninge of the nomber appointed unto them, signifieng her Majesties plesure that fiftie shalbe rebated; and further as is conteyned in the mynute remayninge in the Councell Chest.

A like letter to the same Commissioners in the countie of Notingham, acording to the mynute remayninge, &c.

A letter to the Governour of Barwick, &c., for giving order for certein workes and reparacions to be donne there, acordinge to the mynute remayninge, &c. The works at Berwick.

A Commission for taking up of stuff, workemen and laborers for the said workes, acording to the mynute remayninge in the Chest.

A warraunt to the Tresourer of the Chamber to deliver to Thomas Bowes, Master of the Games of Paris Garden, for bringing the said game before her Majestie upon Shrove Monday last past, the somme of v^{li}. Paris Garden.

A letter to Sir William Winter that whereas it is thought convenient that xij myners were taken up of thinhabitauntes of the Forest of Deane and other places there adjoyninge, that their Lordships have thought good to comytt that charge unto him, being acquaineted therewith, to take up the said nomber to be imployed in the said voiadge which is intendid; and for his furtheraunce therein, if nede so require, by vertue of the said letter to be aided and assisted therein by other her Majesties officers and loving subjectes. Miners from the Forest of Dean.

A letter to Sir Robert Cunstable, whereas their Lordships understand by his letters latelie sent unto them of his wise handeling of a boye of Hethpole, suborned by his parentes to counterfet to be domme and lame and to abuse the people, and how he hath caused them publicklie to acknowledge their fault; understanding by another letter recevid of his sithe that he hath sent for a Scottishe priest popishe accused by the said boye to be a chief doer of the same, that their Lordships do very well allowe of his discreate handeling of the said matter; and to thende that the like acknowleging of and recantacion be also made amongest his neighbours in Scotland, they thinke it very mete that he deliver the boy and his parentes to such as shalbe sent for them to be caried to Kelsey and Yedworth as is required on the Scotishe parte, and after dewe acknowledge of the abuse in those places, An impudent fraud.

then to be sent againe to him to be restored to their
p. 183. dwellinges upon bandes and good sureties for their better behaviour hereafter; and as for the priest, when their Lordships shall understand that he hath taken him, they shall have furder direction from their Lordships for him.

Lewd words. A letter to Edward Eglanbie, esquier, that where their Lordships understande by his letter that one Sebastian Serjaunt hath uttered certen lewde wordes against her Majestie, their Lordships for his care therein do yeld him their hartie thanckes; and for that he standeth indicted at the late Sessions holden at Warwick of a rape, they thinke it convenient that at the next Assises in that countie he be proceded with for that facte acording to lawe; and if it shall fall out that he shalbe quited, that then he give order that he be proceded (*sic*) sent up hither unto their Lordships under salvegard, where they meane to deale further with him; against which tyme he is to will the Mayour of Coventrie to take order that Robert Holmes, who hath discovered the said lewde wordes, may be fourth cominge to advowche the same if nede shalbe, when he shalbe sent for, and to examyne further what other proofes may be had of the said Sergeauntes lewde wordes and evill wherewith he may be charged.

At Westminster, the xxixth of Aprill, 1577.

The Lord Tresourer.	Thearle of Bedford.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.

The defences of Holy Island. A letter to the Marshall and Threasurer of Barwicke requireng them forthwith to repaire to the Holy and Fearne Islandes, there to visett the forte and block howse concerning their decaies, and imediatly to advertise what they are, and to send an estimates (*sic*) of the charges as nere as they can of the reparacion therof, that thereupon furder order may be taken accordinglie.

At Grenewiche, the vijth of Maye, 1577. p. 184.

The Lord Admirall. Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Chamberlaine. Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Warwick. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Bedford.

A letter to Miles Morgan, esquier, that acording to a processe out of the Coourte of thadmiraltie directed unto him in that behalf, he restore unto David Wiottie, Scottisheman, his shippe with her apparell and furniture, as the same was seased by him upon suspicion of piracie, whereof the said Wiottye is now cleared in thadmiraltie Coourte. A charge of piracy.

A letter to Edward Horsey, Capten of thisle of Wight, that where their Lordships are informed that one John Callis, a notorious pirat, hath been by his order apprehendid, that he wold under suer gard send him up hither to aunswer that which is to be objected against him. A notorious pirate arrested.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie, sending therein inclosed a letter from the Duke of Holste to her Majestie complayning that one John Ruchens besides Belingesgate and Robert Williams shold in the yere of Our Lord, 1570, robbe a shippe laden with sault for his provision; he wold send for the said parties, and consider how the said Duke might be sattisfied by the parties, or their heires and executors if they be deade, and to advertise what he shall have founde and donne, &c. An old charge.

Another to the said Judge of thadmiraltie sending therin inclosed a letter and examinacions latelie taken sent from Sir Henrye Ratcliff, Capten of Portesmowth, in a matter betwene Stephen Sharpy and Richard Lyne of Cranbrocke in Kent, concerning certen woode bought at Portesmowth of the Mayour and others, praying him to peruse them and to certifie his opinyon what is further to be donne. A mercantile case.

A letter to Mr. Doctour Dale, one of the Masters of the Requestes, and Mr. Attorney Generall, that whereas hereto- An arbitration.

fore order was taken by their Lordships in a matter betwene Lawrence Hollingeshed on thone side and Doctour Withers and Thomas Coxe, gentleman, on thother, the copye whereof is inclosed; forasmuch as both parties complaine of eche other that the said order is broken, they are desired to call for both parties and to examyne the matter, and thereupon ether to take order with them that without
p. 185. furder trobeling their Lordships they procede acording to the said order in the Coourtes of the Exchequier and Delegates, where the matter dependeth, or els, to advertise what they shall have founde and donne, and in whom the default is, that their Lordships may take further order accordinglie.

Town and Gown at Oxford.

A letter to the Mayour, Aldermen, and Burgesses of the towne of Oxford, that whereas it is complained on by the Universitee that contrary to orders heretofore taken betwene them by their Lordships for a finall and perfect amytie betwene them, they nevetheles refuse to take an othe acording to the orders as it is said, but sum of them continew the sentence of excommunicacion proceded against them in that behalf; they are required either to see the said orders accomplished touching the othe when they shalbe called thereunto by the Vicechauncelour or his deputie, orels the said Mayour and sum of thaldermen and Burgesses refusauntes to make their repaier hither to declare what lawfull causes they may have to the contrarye.

A matrimonial case.

Fower severall letters to the Sheriffes of the counties of Oxon, Warwick, Worcester, and Gloucester, that whereas one Anthonye Boourne hath very wickedly intysed away the wife of one Robert Pakingham, gentleman, and carieth her secretly into sundrye partes of the realme fearing to be apprehendid, that upon receipt hereof and suche furder informacion as they shall receve from the bringer, they wold make diligent serche and inquerie, and cause the said Anthonye, the woman, and two of his servantes named Raphaell Arrowesmyth and Raphe Hawes to be apprehendid

and sent up hither under suer garde, that furder order may be taken with them acording to justice, &c.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie in aunswer of two latelie recevid from him touching such examinacions as he had latelie sent unto their Lordships of Rowland and William Morgan, and also certen others of Cardiff, acording to the mynute remayninge in the Chest; sending also unto him the examynacions taken in Wales by Phabian Phillippes and Thomas Lewis touching matters of piracie in Cardiff, &c. Piracy in Wales.

At Grenewiche, the viijth of May, 1577. p. 186.

The Lord Chamberlaine.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Tresourer.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Bedford.	

A warraunt dormaunt for post horses and cariages for Her Majesties treasure into Ireland to Edward Fitton, sonne to Sir Edward Fitton, Treasourer at Warres in Ireland. Treasure for Ireland.

A letter to the Vicepresident and Counsell of the Marches, recommending a peticion of one Edmunde Bennys, being of late spoiled and robbed, and that as they had well begonne, as it was informed, in committing of thoffendors upon sum examinacions heretofore taken of the matter by sum of that Counsell, so also they are required in consideracion of the povertie of the said Bennys to proceade therein acording to justice without partialitee. Robbery in Wales.

A letter to Sir Thomas Cecill and Sir Edmunde Brudenell, knightes, and William Saunders of Harrington, esquier, that where their Lordships heretofore wrote unto them for the hearing and ending of a matter betwene one Thomas Cowper of Yesson in the countie of Leicester, esquier, and Edward Watson of Rockingham Castle, without any certificat from them the said Cooper is retornid to complaine An arbitration.

here againe, and forasmuch as without being advertised from them how the matter standeth their Lordships know not what to resolve, they are willed to call both parties before them, and ether ende the matter orels to advertise their Lordships what they shall have donne, &c.

The Musters in Essex.

A letter to the Lord Darcie that whereas their Lordships had seene his Lordship's letter to the Lord Chamberlaine in excuse that in the devision alotted unto him he had not proceded in the trayninge of the men lately appoineted by her Majesties letter for want of sum other Commissioners to joine with him in that service in that devision, albeit at the first their Lordships ment to have movid her Majestie to have directed forth Commission to Sir Thomas Lucas and sum other of the gentilmen named in his Lordship's letter to joine with him for the execucion of that service, yet perusing the boke of the names of the Comissioners appoineted in the xvth yere of her Majesties raigne to take the Generall Musters, which persons also are now imploied in this service of trayninge, and finding the said Sir Thomas Lucas to be one, their Lordships thought good not to troble her Majestie, but require his Lordship to signifie so moche to the said Sir Thomas, and they both to joine in that matter of the trayninge, so as there may be no default thereof.

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The Court of Requests.

A letter to Mr. Doctour Dale, Master of the Requestes, that whereas there hath ben of late brought before them a matter in controversie betwene one Giles Rainesford, gentleman, and John Goddard and three of his sonnes; forasmuch as their Lordships have no leysure to examyne the circumstaunce of the matter, being of sum leingth, he is required to here both partes, and for that cause their Supplicacions and writinges are sent unto him, and so to compound the matter betwene them, orels as sone as conveniently may be, by mowth or writing, make reporte what he shall have founde and donne therein, that thereupon their Lordships may take furder order, &c.

At Grenewiche, the ixth of Maye, 1577.

Thapparaunces as before.

A letter to Mr. Attorney and Mr. Sollicitour Generall, sending unto them certen examinacions sent over from the Lord Deputie of Ireland touching the Earle of Clanricard, and to informe their Lordships what they take his offence to be in lawe. Lord Clanricarde.

At Grenewiche, the xijth of May, 1577.

Thearle of Arundell.	Thearle of Leicester.
Thearle of Warwick.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to Fabian Phillippes and Thomas Lewis, esquiers, in aunswer of ij of theirs touching thexaminacion of the matters of piracie at Cardiff, &c., acording to the mynute remayning, &c. Piracy in Wales.

A letter to Mr. Attorney and Sollicitour Generall touching one Massye, latelie brought up out of Chesshire, accused by certen vagaboundes comenly calling themselves Egiptians to have ben a writer and counterfeter of their licenses, whereof sum were under the Grete Seale of England, to peruse the said deposicions, and to have him procedid with acording to justice. Forged licences.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiralty sending therein enclosed a letter unto their Lordships from the Lord Regent of Scotland and a testimoniall from the towne of Edenburghe touching one Alexander Jonsey, Scottishman, staied of late at Bristoll becawse he was in cumpanye of David Wiottie, Scotisheman, taken upon suspicion of piracie; and forasmuch as it appereth by the said letter and testimoniall that he was no pirat, but a factour for trew and honest merchauntes of Edenburgh, he shold, unles he knew sum lawfull cawse to the contrarie, set him at full libertie; and further by Commyssion out of that Coourte get into False charges against Scots.

his handes such money of his as was staied at Bristoll
p. 188. without any frivelous attachement to be made by John Baptista or any others, for that her Majesties plesure was that that Kinges subjectes shold be favorablie delt withall acording to justice.

At Grenewiche, the xiijth of Maye, 1577.

The Lord Tresourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A disputed title.

A letter to the Justices of Peace and Bailiffes of Romney Marshe that where there is a matter in controversie betwene John Cobham esquier, and Reynold Scotte, gentleman, concerning the mannour of Comerstor in Romney Marshe, whereof the said John Cobham is at this presente possessed by the right of Dame Allice his wief, who hath enjoyed it since the death of her late husband by the space of 50 yeres; howbeit the said Reinold Scott laying claime thereunto in the right of his wife, doughter to one Richard Cobbes, doth vexe the farmours of the said Cobham, they are required that untill such tymes as the matter shalbe tried by order of lawe to see the peace kepte, and to give order to the said Reynold Scotte that he do use no violence upon the same or any parte thereof.

The Musters.

A letter to the Vicepresident and Counsell in the Marches of Wales to send hither a booke of the names of such persons as are fitt to be Commyssioners for the Musters, and for that purpose to peruse a boke of the xvjth yere of the Queen's raigne, of whome some may be dedde or otherwise departed.

A letter to the Mayour and his brethern of Southampton that where there is appointed by order from her Majestie 50 shotte to be trayned in that towne, and that they are desyrous in respect of their priviledge to be permytted to

have the trayning of them there; their Lordships are very well contented that they shall have the trayninge of them within their towne, and not be constrained, unles upon very necessarie occasion, to have them leade from thence, praying them that dew care and regard be had for the trayning and well furnishinge of them acording to the trust reposed on them.

Hemp for the Navy.

A warraunt to all Justices of Peace, &c., to be aidinge and assisting to Thomas Allin, her Majesties merchaunt, or his deputies, to the uttermost of their powers for the buyeng of hempe to be imployed to her Majesties service, acording to her Highnes' Commyssion under the Grete Seale of England for that purpose.

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A mercantile case.

A letter to Sir Henry Radcliff touching the matter betwene the Mayour of Portesmowth and other of that towne and Stephen Shapye and Richard Lyne of Cranbrock in Kent, concerning certen woode by them bought of thother, which for certein causes their Lordships referred it to be throughly waied by the Judge of thadmiraltie, whose aunswer to that matter he shall in a trew copie receve herewith; which se[m]ing resonable to be performed, he is required to cause the said wooade to be deliverid to the complainantes in a good condicion as it was in the tyme of the sale as nere as may be, or due recompence for the wantes, with reasonable recompence for their wantes and charges.

A Welsh case.

A letter to Watkin Lloide, John Games, John Awbrey, esquiers, and Thomas Powell, gentleman, that whereas Morgan Lewis, one of thordinarie Gromes of the Queen's Chamber, hath heretofore had sute against Rice Meredeth and Richard Lluellen, and caused processe to be served on them by one John Davy, then Undersheriff of the countie of Brecknock, and comyng to composicion with the parties, did take of them to the use of the said Morgan x^{li}, which still he deteyneth; furder, the said Morgan havinge two tenementes in that countie not farre distant from the towne

of Brecknock, is as it semeth by mallice of one Griffith Jeffrey, Recorder of that towne, for none apparaunce and for that he is a freholder, amerced for thone iiij^{s}, and thother ij^{s}, at every Leet Coourte holden there; their Lordships have made chose of them iiij^{or}, and [they] are required to call the said John Davie before them, and finding the money to be dew to Morgan, to take such order that it may presently be restored unto them (*sic*), and such other money as he hathe wrongfullie recevid from him may lickewise be restored, or so much of it as in conscience they shall thincke convenient.

Dover harbour. A letter to the Lord Cobham and others touching some devise for the repaireng of the haven of Dover, acording to the mynute remayninge in the Chest.

The Court of Chancery. A letter to the Lord Keper recomending a matter in controversie betwene the towne of Yermowth and Clement and William Pastons for fisshing; seing the parties were contented the matter shold be heard either in the Coourte of Chauncery orels where her Majestie shold appointe, his Lordship wold take order therein with as convenient spede as might be, acordinge to justice.

A letter to the said Clement and William signifieng unto them that whereas in their aunswer to the bill of them of Yermow[th] it was conteyned that they desyred the matter might be referred to the Coourte of Chauncerie orels where, &c., it hath ben thought good to recomend it to the Lord Keper to take order therein acording to justice, and therefore to will them to give their attendaunce on his said Lordshippe.

The condition of Munster. Two letters, thone to the Earle of Desmonde, thother to Sir William Drurie, knight, President of the Province of Mounster in Ireland, in aunswer of a letter sent by the said Earle to the Queen's Majestie and sum of their Lordships touching exactions and Cesse taken by the soldiers upon the pore people, acording to the mynute of both remayninge in the Councell Chest.

A letter to the Lord Wentworth, Sir Walter Mildmay, knight, Chauncelour of thexchequier, Mr. Justice Manwoode, and Mr. Justice Monson, that whereas a Supplicacion hath ben exhibited unto their Lordships by divers inhabitauntes of the towne of Dedham in the countie of Essex, conteyning sundry misdemeanors of one Myles Laken, an attorney in the Common Lawe, the particularitees whereof their Lordships could not examyne by reason of her Majesties going abrode for a fewe daies; forasmuch as their Lordships were desirous to have the trothe knowen, they had made choise of them iiij^{or} or any three of them, whereof the Lord Wentworth or Mr. Chauncelour to be one, to examyne the matter and heare their proofes and allegacions on both sides, and to certifie their Lordships at her Majesties retorne to this place. p. 190. A charge against an attorney.

A letter to the Mayour and his brethern of the towne of Northampton that whereas about two yeres past at her Majesties being in Northampton shiere complainte was made unto them that by the use of sundrie malte killes in that towne grete inconvenience of fier had happenid, and their Lordships then referrid the ordering of the matter to Sir John Spencer and Richard Knightley, knightes, and Edward Orley, esquier, who have advertised their Lordships that havinge viewed the places and called and herde both partes before them, [they] had with the consent of the Mayour and his brethern then ordered that a former order made by the consent of the whole towne in the xiijth yere of her Majesties raigne shold be observed, and the said malt killes shold be acording to the same either suppressed or reformed; forasmuch as it is now informed that contrary to the said order divers have either continued or erected killes, their Lordships signifie their misliking that any shold so contemptuouslie breke the said order, and therefore to will soche as either by the informacion of the bearer hereof or his owne inquirie shalbe found to have offendid herein, either to conforme themselfes acording to the same order, orels to take bandes of them to appere here to shew what lawfull causes they have to the contrarye. Malt kilns in Northampton.

At Grenewiche, the xiiijth of Maye, 1577.

The Lord Chamberlaine. Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Bedford. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.

Release of suspected Scots.

A letter to the Viceadmirall of Cardiffe that where before this there was by him arested a shippe called the Mathew, belonging to one David Wiottie, a Scottisheman, upon suspicion of piracie, which matter being examined, he not found culpable and the shippe being released; he is also required to set at libertie his said marriners with all thinges to them appertayninge.

Magistrates for Wales.

A letter to the Lord Keper that whereas their Lordships have recevid from those of the Councell in the Marches a schedule of the names of suche persons as they thinke mete to be in the Commission of the Peace, they have thought to recomend the cause unto him, desireng, if he knew nothing to the contrarie, that the Commission may be directed acordinglie.

p. 191. Posthorses.

A placard for James Prescott repayring into Ireland to take up post horses for himself and his guide, and at the sea side to be provided of shippinge for his spedie transportacion.

The Musters.

A letter to the Lord Keper; their Lordships acording to her Majesties warraunt for a Generall Muster to be had within the realme have thought good to send unto his Lordship the names of suche persons in divers shieres as by her Highnes and them are thought mete to be appointed Commissioners in that behalf; and whereas there are certen other shieres not specified at this tyme in the boke which their Lordships send unto him, forasmuch as they are under the Commissions of the Counsailes of the Marches and Yorke, to whom they have written for the names of such as they shall thinke mete to be imploied that waye, upon receipt whereof their Lordships will send the same unto him under their handes, and in the meane tyme his Lordship may give order for the putting of the rest in a redinesse; and because there wilbe earnest sute for the priviledged places which

they could not attend particulerlye to nominate, they do desire his Lordship to cause a boke to be made of the names of the hed officers of the place, adding thereto ij or iij of the Commissioners appointed for the countie, acording to such order as was taken in the xvth yere of her Majesties raigne in the like cases.

The Star Chamber.

Another to the Lord Keper, that whereas humble sute hath been made unto their Lordships to write unto thearle of Huntington for the discharge of certen poore men by him bounde to appere in the Starre Chamber for the theffect which he shall perceve by their Lordships' letters, they have thought good to send unto him, desyreng if his Lordship allowe of it, to signe it and deliver it to the parties, geving order for discharge of their bandes, or otherwise to take bandes for their furder apparaunce therein.

Irish matters.

A letter to the Lord Deputie of Ireland concerning the matter of Cesse, acording to a mynute remayninge in the Councell Chest.

Another to the Lord Deputie wherein he is required to take some presente order with the Earles of Desmonde and Clancardy for the satisfieng of certein spoiles donne by some of their servantes and followers upon the tenantes of Sir Gormagh Mach Tieg, knight, and Maryce Roche, gentleman, of the province of Monster, orels to bringe them in to be aunswerable to lawe for the facte.

Another letter of the like tenor to Sir William Drury, knight, Lord President of the Province of Mounster, to deale with the said Earles to theffect afore expressed.

An Oxford culprit.

A letter to Mr. Attorney and Sollicitour Generall that whereas there is one Jenkes, a stacioner of Oxford, there detected for matters conteyned in certen articles which they shall receve with his and others his accusers' examinacions, they are required to examyne him anew upon the said articles, and as they shall finde him culpable, so to procede against him acording to the lawes of the realme provided in that behalf.

p. 192. The repression of piracy.

A letter to the Lord Cobham that where it is certified that offer is made by some of the inhabitauntes of the V Portes to set forth shipping at their owne charges for the repressing of such pirattes as do infeste those partes, so as they might have reasonable recompence of such pirattes' goodes as shold be taken, he is required to send up unto their Lordships the names and qualities of such persons as make that offer, and to whom the charge shalbe committed, toguither with his opinion of them; which being knowen, they shall not faile to procure furder Commission from her Majestie, and also to advertise him what order they thinke mete to be taken therein.

Lewd words at Oxford.

A letter to the Knight Marshall wherein he is required to deliver John Plumpton, Master of Arte in Christes Colledge in Oxford, comitted to his charge by Mr. Secretarie Walsingham, for certein and unreverend speches used by him towardes her Majestie, into the handes of Thomas Plumpton, his brother, and other his frindes, taking good bandes of them to her Majesties use for his furthcomynge hereafter if nede shall require.

The recusant in the Gatehouse.

A letter to the Keper of the Gatehowse at Westminster signifieng unto him that their Lordships, upon humble sute made unto them in the behalf of Hughe Erdeswicke, remayninge prisoner in his charge, are well content for this tyme to graunt him libertie, so as he take bandes of him to her Majesties use in the some of iiij$^{c li}$ either to returne himself prisoner to the place aforesaid upon the first day of Mighelmas Terme next ensuinge, orels in the meane tyme procure testimoniall from the Buisshoppe of Lichefield and Coventrie for his conformytie and amendement in matters of Religion, so as thereupon order may be taken for his furder enlargement.

An arbitration.

A letter to Thomas Parrie, Edmund Docwray and Mr. Braidock, esquiers, that where there is a matter in controversie betwene Giles Rantesforth, gentleman, and John Goddard and his three sonnes, wherewith Mr. Docwraie is

very well acquainted, their Lordships wanting convenient tyme to ende it themselves have made choise of them three, committing thending of the matter unto them, praying them to call both parties before them, and first to binde either of the parties in iiij$^{c^{li}}$ to abide such order as they in equitie and justice shall thincke mete for a finall ende betwene them; and incase any of the sonnes of the said Goddard shall refuse to be bounde as is aforesaid, then to take bandes of the parties so refusing for their apparaunce before their Lordships; and they shall they (*sic*) not faile to take such order therein as shalbe fitt in that respect, for whose better proceding herein their Lordships have sent unto them such papers as have been exhibited unto them by either of the parties concerning that matter.

A letter to the Lord Deputie touching the complaintes made here aboute matters of Cesse, acording to the mynute remayninge in the Councell Chest. The Cess in the Pale.

At Grenewiche, the xxvjth of May, 1577. p. 193.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
Thearle of Lincolne.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretarie Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.	

A letter to the Commissioners for the Musters in the countie of Surrey that where they are desirous to have of the 150 shotte appointed unto them 50 abated, they are given tunderstand that her Majesties plesure is that no abatement at all shalbe made; yet notwithstanding for the ease of them all her Majestie well liketh that upon suche as are cessed at iiij^{li} goodes they shold extend the charge for the trayninge and furnishinge of the nomber aforesaid, and if they sholde finde it nedefull to go lower, it is referred to their discrecions to taxe also those of iij^{li} goodes and xl^{s} landes but not under. The Musters in Surrey.

Mistress and maidservant.

A letter to Mr. John Warren, Sherif of the countie of Chester, and two other Justices of the Peace next adjoyninge, that where their Lordships do understand by a peticion exhibited unto them by one Jane Jones, conteyning diverse harde dealinges used by the Ladie Holcrofte towardes a daughter of hers, they are required to make their repaire to the howse of the said Lady Holcrofte, or to such other place within their jurisdiction as they shall understand that Mary Jones, daughter to the said Jane Jones, is abiding, and by aucthoritee of thiese their Lordships' letters to take the said Mary, and see her safelie deliverid unto the said Jane her mother, or the bringer hereof, if they shall not see any sufficient reason why the said Mary shold not be delivered to her mother as is required, and thereof to advertise their Lordships.

Town and Gown at Oxford.

This day Thomas Williams, Mayour of the citie of Oxon, William Levent, Alderman, Nicholas Todde, Mr. Gwen of the citie aforesaid, appoineted by order from their Lordships to make their repaier hither to aunswer a certaine matter objected againste them by the Universitee, entered their apparaunce.

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The Lord Tresourer. Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Chamberlaine.

A peer's debts.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles that where their Lordships are auctorised by Acte of Parliament to make sale of certen landes of the Viscount Howard for the payment of his dettes and the dettes of Henry Howard, his sonne, and upon sale of some parte whereof there remayneth in his handes certaine somes of money: forasmuch as Henry Howard hath delivered unto their Lordships a bill of the names of his creditours of whom they desire to be throughly

informed, he is required to call them before him and to examine them upon their othes what the principall debt is, of the tyme when the debt begonne, and what penaltie there resteth in it, and thereof to certifie their Lordships that order may be taken for the payment of them ratablie.

Lewd words.

A letter to Sir Walter Hungerford and Mr. John Ayre that where by a letter from them their Lordships are given tunderstand of certein lewde wordes reported by Robert Wilkins, whom they have committed to the gaole; they are required, for that by the same their Lordships are not particulerly certified of the chief pointes of the woordes utterid, to examine particulerlie the said Wilkins and his accusers, and thereupon to procede against him at the next Assises acording to lawe.

Clipping the Queen's coin.

A letter to the Recorder of London that where by a Supplicacion inclosed their Lordships are don to understand that one Yong, now prisoner in Ludgate, was privey to the lewde dealinges of Robins, a goldsmyth lately executed for clipping of her Majesties coynes, he is required to examine the said Yonge upon the contentes of the said Informacion, and to advertise their Lordships what he shall finde therein.

A notorious pirate.

A letter to the Lieutenant of the Tower, the Judge of thadmiraltie and Mr. Doctour Dale, that where one John Callice, a notable piratt, apprehendid and committed to the Tower, with others, his company, lickewise lately apprehendid and remayning in diverse partes of the realme imprisoned; for that it is thought mete that they be delt withall acording to lawe, they are required to examine the said Callice upon such matters as have ben exhibited to the Judge of thadmiraltie, and that such piracies as he and they have committed may be brought to light for the better proceding against them, and thereof to advertise their Lordships that furder order may be taken both for him and them acordinge to lawe.

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Claims to fees.

A letter to the Vicepresident and Councell in the Marches of Wales that where John Dudeley and Charles Foxe, the one serving as Secretarie and Clerke of the Councell, and both joinetelie serving as Clerkes of the Signet in that Councell in the Marches of Wales, finde themselfes greved with thabridgement of certen fees to be warraunted both from her Majestie and her Highnes' father, King Henrye the viijth, and therefore have made their request that staie may be made thereof untill their lernid counsell in the lawe might be harde to speke in the defence of their right; they are required for their Lordships' satisfaction herein to examyne substanciallie every particuler fee that they receve, what beginning and what continuance the same hath had, by what warraunt and auctoritee, and whither her Majesties subjectes do finde themselfes greved herewith, and thereof to certifie their Lordships; and in the meane tyme no execucion of any order in the last Instructions for defalcacion of fees to be made.

Town and Gown at Oxford.

This day appearid before their Lordships Thomas Williams, Mayour of the towne of Oxford, with certen other Aldermen and Burgesses of the said place acording to a letter sent unto them from their Lordships bearing date the vijth of this present, and after some hearing of the matter in controversie betwene the Universitee of Oxford, Mr. Doctour Westfalling, Vicechauncelour, and Doctour Floode being then also present on thone side, and the said Mayour, Aldermen, and certen inhabitauntes of the said towne on thother side, touching an othe which they of the Universitee required to be made unto them by the Mayour and Aldermen and certen Burgeses, as is alleadged, acording to their Charters and also certen former Orders made by their Lordships betwene them in the yere of our Lord God, 1575, the xijth of May, with the advice of Mr. Justice Manwoode, Mr. Justice Monson, and Mr. Attorney and Solicitour Generall; it was for the tyme thought good and so ordered by their Lordships that letters shold be written from their Lord-

ships about the beginning of the next Terme to the two Lordes Chief Justices of both Benches, requireng them in her Majesties behalf that calling unto them the aforesaid two Justices and Mr. Attorney and Sollicitour Generall, or any three or two of them that may be conveniently present, they wold examine all such allegacions and proofes as are produced by both parties and their lernid counsell, and thereupon to advertise their Lordships what they shall thincke mete to be ordered and donne therein acording to lawe and justice; and in the meane tyme forasmuch as it was declared by Mr. Vicechauncelor that they of the towne had servid proces upon him out of the Coourte of her Majesties Benche, it was thought convenient and so ordered by their Lordships and enjoyned to the said Mayour and others then present that they shold surcease the prosecucion of any such sewte comenced or to be comenced againste the said Universitee or any member of the same, by reason of the said controversye, in the said Coourte of the Quenes Benche or els where untill they shold be otherwise licensed by their Lordships; and whereas lickewise it was informed by the said Mayour and townesmen present that they of the Universitee had alredie excommunicated certen of the inhabitauntes of the said towne which refused to make the othe as it was by them of the Universitee required, it was also thought mete and so ordered by their Lordships and enjoyned unto Mr. Vicechauncelour, &c., that he shold absolve or cause to be absolved from the censure and sentence of excommunicacion as is aforesaid all and every such persons of the said towne as have been by them or at their procurement excommunicated for the matter aforesaid untill the whole controversie betwene them shalbe otherwise ordered by their Lordships; and so were both parties for this tyme dismissed and willed to make their repaire up to London at the beginninge of the next Terme, and then upon receipt of their Lordships' letters before mentioned to attend upon the said Lords Chief Justices, and not departe before they shalbe otherwise licensed here by their Lordships.

Town and Gown at Oxford.

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At Grenewiche, the xxviijth of May, 1577.

The Lord Tresourer.	Thearle of Leicester.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Warwicke.	

Seditious bills in Oxford.

A letter to the Vicechauncelour of the Universite of Oxon that where there hath ben lately founde in diverse places within that Universitee certen sedicious billes, the doers whereof are thought good by all meanes possible to be discoverid, and therefore he is required to make diligent searche and inquirie aswell within the said Universite as the towne of Oxford for the detecting of suche as have ben dealers therein; and to that ende it is thought convenient that he enter into such bowses as upon examinacion of the matter he shall have cause to suspecte, as well within the towne as the Universitee, for the better discovering of them, and thereof to certifie their Lordships.

The Corporation of Spanish Merchants.

A letter to the Governour, Assistauntes and Cumpanye of the Spanishe Merchauntes signifieng unto them that where the Queen's Majestie at their Lordships mocion hath ben contented to establishe under her Highnes Grete Seale of England a Corporacion and Societie of Merchauntes trafficquing into Spaine, for their better government it is thought requisite that two principall officers shold be resident bothe here and there; forasmuch as both her Highnes and their Lordships are perswaded there cannot be better choise made then of Roger Bodenham, the bearer hereof, to be Governour of the Cumpanye in Spaine, being a man for his knowledge and experience very mete for thaffaires of those countreis, their Lordships have thought good in her Majesties name to recommend him unto them, earnestlie
p. 197. requireng the rather at their request to make choise of him to be their Governour or President of their new erected Cumpany in Spaine.

Town and Gown at Oxford.

A letter to the Lords Chief Justices of the Kings Bench and Commen Pleas that where of late there is some con-

troversie risen betwene the Universitee and towne of Oxford, which, with the advise of Mr. Justice Manwoode and Mounson, Mr. Attorney and Sollicitour Generall, was at two yeres past by their Lordships made for a finall appeasing of their strifes; for that at this presente their Lordships are at no leisure to examyne particulerly the circumstaunce of the matter, they are required with the assistaunce of the iiij^{or} persons afore named, who are alredy acquaineted therwith, or any three or twoo of them, diligently to examyne the allegacions and proofes on both sides, espetially touching the matter of othe required of the townesmen by the Universitee acording, as they say, to their Charters, which they are redy to produce, and also such order as their Lordships have heretofore made betwene them, the copie whereof their Lordships send inclosed unto them; and therefore desireng their Lordships to advertise under their handes what they shall thinke to be lawe in this case, that thereupon furder order may be taken.

At Grenewiche, the xxixth of May, 1577.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Bedford.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.	

Irish matters.

A letter to the Lord Deputie of Ireland in the behalf of Sir Cormach Mac Teige, acording to a minute remayning in the Councell Chest.

A placard for him, his servantes and guide to be provided of post horses from place to place to the sea side till he shall imbarke.

The Cess in the Pale.

A letter to Mr. Sollicitour Generall that where their Lordships for sundry good consideracions did of late committe to the Fleete one Barnabye Scurlocke and two other Irishe men, are sithence don tunderstand from the Lord Deputie of Ireland that before his departure thence he threatenid

one Garret Wesley, being a Sherif of one of the principall counties of the Englishe Pale, that if he shold leavie any Cesse for the use of her Majesties garrison or provision of the Lord Deputies Howsehold, for any comaundment or other thinge he shold receave from the said Lord Deputie for that purpose, that then he would indite him of treason; forasmuch as it tendeth to the overthrowing of her Majesties Prerogative Roiall and themboldening of evill disposed subjectes against the same, their Lordships are very desirous that as sone as conveniently may be he make his repaire to the Fleete and then charge the said Scurlocke with the premisses, and to require of him that under his hande he make some particuler and direct aunswer before him to the said Informacion, and the same to be sent unto their Lordships.

p. 198. A matrimonial case.

A letter to the Bishop of Norwiche that where their Lordships are donne to understand that one Amie Crane, wife to Henry Crane of Chelton in the countie of Suffolk, gentleman, hath ben detected of adulterie with Edward Tompson, her husbandes servant, albeit their Lordships understand him to have ben made acquaineted therewith, yet they have thought good that he call thoffendours before him, and to procede to the punishement of them as their facte deserveth and shalbe agreable with justice.

The works at Berwick.

A letter to the Mershall of Barwicke that their Lordships understanding by a letter of his of the xxiijth of this presente the beginning of the workes and the care he hath for the ease of her Majesties charges, and wheare they are desirous, for the better carriage of stone from the quarry to the place of the building, to have a gate made in the old wall by the bell tower on the east side of the Grene, cleane without the new fortifications, it is signified unto him that their Lordships are very well contented that such a gate be made, so as the same be well warded for the tyme, or some other gate shutte up, wherein he is to use his discrecion.

At Grenewiche, the xxx^th^ of May.

Thapparaunces as before, saving the Lord Treasourer.

Malt for the Household.

A letter to Sir Richard Wingfield, knight, and Edward Grimston, esquier, signifieng unto them that whereas Henry Campion, her Majesties Brewer, hath bought within the countie of Suffolke one hundred quarters of malt for her Majesties speciall provision, they are required, notwithstanding any prohibicion to the contrary, to suffer the same to passe hither to London, taking bandes of him to her Majesties use that the same be not transported els where.

Hungarian refugees.

A placard for Paulus Sermery and John Busas, gentilmen of Hungary having ben prisoners with the Turke, to passe through this realme, and to aske the devocion of charitable people for the payment of their raunsoms, and at their pleasures to departe the realme without interruption.

At Grenewiche, the last of May, 1577. p. 199.

The Lord Admirall. Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Treasourer.

The captured pirates.

A letter to Edward Horsey, esquier, Captaine of the Isle of Wight, requireng him to send up unto the Coourte of thadmiraltie suche persons as were apprehendid with Callis, there to be procedid against acording to lawe; and where it appereth by his letters of the xij^th^ of May that of the xx^ti^ vij^s^ taken about Callis at the tyme of his apprehencion he hath disburced thereof so muche as he did deffraye the charges of the bringing of the said Callice to the Coourte, he is required that the residew of the said somme be imployed towardes the charges of the rest of his cumpany, expendid aswell during the tyme of their abode there with him as for the bringing of them up to London.

A letter of assistaunce sent with the letter to Mr. Horsey to such of her Majesties officers to whom it doth appertaine that from place to place, till they shall arrive at

London, they give order that a sufficient nomber of men be appointed to conducte the said pirattes safelie, and that the like order be given ever sumwhat before hande to the next officer to have the nomber redy to receve and conducte them.

At Grenewiche, the iiijth of June.

Thapparaunces as before.

The Musters in Kent. A letter to the Lord Burgavennye and the rest of the Commissioners in the countie of Kent that where their Lordships have recevid from them several certificates concerning their procedinges for the mustering of shotte appointed to that shiere, their Lordships do understand that they have not assembled themselfes toguither as was requisite for the furdering of her Majesties service; they are required that hereafter, aswell for trayninge of the shotte as for the Generall Musters presently committed to their charge, not to faile to assemble themselfes in some convenient place as the service shall require, and joinetelye toguither to procede therein and to advertise their doinges acordinglye.

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For an arrest. A letter to the Sheriff of the countie of Bucks to make privye and diligent searche for thapprehending the person of one Joseph Beaste, servant to Michaell Harecourt, whom upon thapprehending he must send under suer garde to their Lordships; and, if upon searche he shall not be able to discover where he is, he shall charge the said Harecourte to see him to be, wheresoever he shalbe apprehendid, sent safely unto their Lordships, as he will aunswer at his perill.

A summons. A letter to George Francklin that immediatly upon receipt of their letters he make his repaire before them to aunswer that which is objected against him.

At Grenewiche, the vjth of June, 1577.

The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to Mr. Attorney, Mr. Sollicitour Generall and the Judge of the thadmiraltie that whereas their Lordships, upon complainte made unto them of sundry spoiles committed on the sea, had appointed Commissioners to examyne sundry persons accused to have ben recevours of pyrattes' goodes and maineteyners of them in their lewdenes, and upon examinacion taken many are discovered; for that in the matters of spoiles don on the sea and what concerneth persons accessarie by lande there semeth to be a difference in lawe, and therefore is thought mete to have thopinion of some skilfull in either lawe for their severall punishementes, they are required to assemble themselfes toguither and to set downe their opinions what the lawe is in this case, or what they thinke convenient to be donne for the redresse of so grete a disorder, and thereof to advertise their Lordships with as convenient spede as may be. Legal questions as to piracy.

A letter to Mr. Attorney and Sollicitour Generall that where the last Parlament a Statute was made for the associating of the Justices of that province of Wales, wherein sithence are founde certen difficulties or rather imperfections which their Lordships send inclosed unto them; they are required to call unto them Sir John Throgmerton, knight, George Bromeley and George Fetiplace, esquiers, and toguither to consider of the said difficulties, and whether the imperfections may be salved or not, whereby the associacion may procede acordinglie; and incase the difficulties be such as by reason of the imperfection of the Statute the said associacion cannot take place, then to advertise their opinions how the matter may be helped by her Majesties owne aucthoritie, for that it is thought very convenient that matters both Civill and Criminall shold be comitted to the decision of any one man, and thereof to advertise their Lordships. Legal difficulties in Wales. p. 201.

A letter to the Lord Tresourer concerning the preparacion for Ireland, acording to a mynute remayninge in the Councell Chest. Irish matters.

At Grenewiche, the ixth of June, 1577.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

Paris Garden. A warraunt to Mr. Hennage, Treasourer of the Chamber, to pay unto Mr. Bowes the some of v^{li} for bringing the game of Parys Garden before her Majestie on Tuesday in the Whitson weke.

A summons. A letter to Hughe Randolphe and John Brooke of Weymowth to make their personall apparaunce before their Lordships immediatlie upon receipt of their Lordsbips' letters, and thereof not to faile as they will aunswer to the contrarye.

The Musters in Oxfordshire. A letter to the Commissioners for the trayninge of shotte in the countie of Oxon, geving them hartie thanckes for their carefull diligence used in that service, and requireng them that where by reason of their Quarter Sessions they were not able to accomplishe so many daies as was appointed unto them in the Easther weke by their Lordships' instructions, it is referred to their discrecions to make choise of any other daies, so that in the whole yere thirtene dayes [be] imployed therein acording to their Lordships' instructions.

Foreign interference in Ireland. A letter to the Tresourer at Warres in Ireland signifieng unto him that where for the preventing of some practise pretended against that realme by forraine Princes there is appointed a masse of 10,000^{li}, besides other preparacion, to be sent over thither, there to remaine in his handes to be only imploied in that service, and not otherwise without warraunt from her Highnes; he is required that when the said masse shall come to his handes he be carefull that the same be not broken, nor any way issued but only for the purpose aforesaid, unles as before he shalbe warraunted either from her Majestie or from their Lordships.

The cloth trade. A letter to Mr. Attorney that where there was attached by Peter Blackborough to her Majesties use 50 clothes belonging to Robert Howse and Henry Phippes, he is required

to informe himself of their goodnes, and if (as by him it is informed) they shalbe founde subjecte to forfeicture, being not made acording to the Statutes of the realme in that behalf provided, that then he cause informacion to be given into the Exchequier to be there folowed in her Majesties behalf, and upon the eviction (*sic*) of the owners of them that the said Blackeborough may acording to lawe obtaine that portion of the said clothes as in such cases is allowed. p. 202.

A letter to the two townes of Weymowth and Melcombe that where there hath dependid a matter in controversie betwene them concerning certen petye customes, for that on either side they have been earnest suters to have some good ende therein, they are required to send up out of either towne two persons sufficientlie instructed in the said controversie, and to bring with them suche Charters, bookes and other writinges as are to be produced for the proofe of the right of either partie, that presente order may be taken therein acording to justice. Weymouth and Melcombe Regis.

A placard to Robert Knolles, gentlemen, for the taking up of iij post horses for his going to St. Anne of Buxstones, and to thearle of Leicester, and retorning back againe. Post horses.

At Grenewiche, the xvijth of June, 1577.

The Lord Tresourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Bedford.	

This day upon the reading of certen letters sente unto their Lordships from the Lord Deputie of Ireland and Sir Nicholas Malby, knight, in aunswer of certen others heretofore sent from their Lordships thether unto them for the satisfieng of John Calvettie and John Baptista St. Bitores of the some of iij$^{c\ li}$ dewe unto them (as was alleadged) for certaine Spanishe wolles sold by the said Sir Nicholas Malbie; An old claim settled.

forasmuch as the said Sir Nicholas acknowledged in his said letters the debt to be dewe unto them, and hath promised to see them fullye paide and satisfied if some reasonable tyme were graunted unto him for the doinge of the same, for whiche he in his said letters hath beseached their Lordships to deale with the said Calvettie and St. Bitores, their Lordships havinge called in before them the said parties, after some communicacion had with them for the graunting of the said tyme of payment to the said Sir Nicholas Malbie, yt was at leingthe with the consent of the said Calvettie and St. Bitores ordered by their Lordships as foloweth, viz.; that the
p. 203. said Calvettie and St. Bitores shold, without being put to any further charge of sending into Ireland, be paid j$^{cl^{li}}$ sterling here out of her Majesties Receipt of thexchquier at the Feast of the Nativitee of our Lord next ensuing, and j$^{cl^{li}}$ more at the said Feaste next folowinge the said first payment, the said sommes to be deducted upon suche treasure as shold be from henceforth sent into the realme of Ireland; and for this purpose their Lordships are contented to write to the said Lord Deputie and Sir Nicholas Malby to send over hither some sufficient warraunt for the defalcacion of the said somes here at the tymes before specified upon the treasure which shalbe so sent, and for such entertainement as shold growe dewe to the said Sir Nicholas Malbye for his service in Ireland; and, further, it was ordered that upon the receipt of the said somes the said Calvettie and St. Bitores shold give unto the said Sir Nicholas Malbye a generall quitaunce and discharge of all such interest, demaundes or claimes that they or any others might hereafter pretend against him by reason of the said wolles.

At Grenewiche, the xixth of June, 1577.

The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Treasourer.	

A letter to the Justices of Assises in the countie of Worcester that where complainte hath ben made unto their Lordships by Margaret Russell, wief unto John Russell lately murderid by one Edward Busshell, gentleman, of Priors Coourte in that countye, and that there hath ben very partiall dealing by one Henry Fieldre, Coroner of the same countie, they are required at the tyme of their Assise to examyne whither any such partialitee hath ben used or not, and thereupon to take such order therein as in justice shalbe thought convenient, and for the murdre they are perswaded of their upright dealing that they will not suffer it unpunished. A murder in Worcestershire.

A letter * ——————————, Justices of Peace in the countie of Sussex, that where complainte hath ben made by Henry Carpenter of Cuckfield in Sussex againste one William Boughton for the stealing away of Elizabeth Boughton, daughter in lawe to the said Carpinter, and heire to a copy hold now in the possession of the said Carpinter, who after the stealing away of her and practising to marye her to Richard Norton, did convey her to the howse of Richard Coverte, esquier, Justice of Peace in that countie, who doth presently withold her as by the peticion inclosed appeareth; they are required to call the said Coverte, Broughton and others mentioned in the said peticion, and to examyne where the maide is, and thereupon to cawse her to be restored to her father in lawe, and for the injurie to take suche order as in equitie they shall see convenient; and for that the said Carpinter hath been molested by Boughton and others for the possession of his howse c[h]allenged in the behalf of the saide Elizabeth, and hath builded certein howses upon the copy holde, they are required to take such order as he be not any furder trobled; and if they shall refuse to deliver the maide or abide their order, then to binde them to appere here before their Lordships, and to certifie their doinges that furder order may be taken acordinglie. A charge of abduction. p. 204.

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A summons obeyed.

This day John Brooke of Waymowth, being sent for to appere before their Lordships, made his apparaunce.

Religion in the West.

A letter to Richard Grinefelde, William Mohun, esquiers, and other Justices of the countie of Cornewall, wherein they are thancked aswell for their paines taken in the diligent searche for Bourne as for the apprehencion of Mr. Tregian and others for matters of Religion; and for that it appereth that Ambrose Digbye and the Lady Killigrew are to be touched for the escape of the said Bourne, they are required to comaund the said Digbie to appere before their Lordships to aunswer thereunto, and also Sir John Killigrew to aunswer in the behalf of his wife.

Scotch complaints of piracy.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles, the Judge of thadmiraltie, Mr. Doctour Dale, and others appointed Commissioners for the hearing and determyninge of matters of piracye donne upon the Scottes by diverse of her Majesties subjectes, wherein they are required to procede withall integritie and diligence, that it maye appere unto their Lordships and the Lord Regent how carefully her Majestie is to do them justice.

Holy Island.

A letter to the Marshall and Tresourer of Barwick that wheare their Lordships do understand that concerninge the repairinge of fortresse and howses of the Holye and Freare (*sic*) Island, if it be presentlye taken in hand their charge will not amount to above * ———^{li}, where if it be neglected untill the next yere twise as muche will not satisfie and suffyce, the Treasourer is required to deliver 100^{li} for the accomplishement thereof, which they are required to see carefully husbanded to her Majesties best commoditee.

Scotch complaints.

Fowre warrauntes for thattaching and apprehending of certen persons accused by the Scottes to have ben spoilers of them at the seas sent foourth by certaine Messingers of the Chamber.

A summons.

A letter to Sir John Conwaie, knight, requireng him to make his repaire hither before their Lordships to aunswer

* The figures in the MS. have been erased.

such matter as shalbe objected against him concerning Anthonye Bourne.

A letter to the Lieutenant of the Tower to deliver into thandes of the Judge of thadmiraltie the person of John Callis, to be arrayned with others for matters of pyracye. p. 205. The trial of the pirates.

A letter of assistaunce to the Lord Cobham, Justice Manhoode (*sic*), Doctour Lewis, and Doctor Forthe, by which they are required to assiste the bearers thereof in the searche and recoverye of certen wracked goodes, acording to a mynute remayninge in the Councell Chest. Wrecking.

A letter to Sir Walter Mildmay, knight, that where one Thomas Might, appoineted in tymes past by her Majestie for the victualling of her garrisons in the North Partes of Ireland, complaineth that having fedd them upon his owne purse by the space of xxj monithes [he] could never receve any payment for the same at the handes of the Treasourer of that realme, by reason whereof he standeth upon his utter undoinge unles he be relieved, he is required effectually to examyne the matter and to peruse the said Mightes accomptes, and what he shall finde in conscience to be dewe unto him to certifie their Lordships, that they may take furder order accordinglye. A victualler's complaint.

A letter to William Lower, esquier, and others, Justices of Cornewall, that where Sir John Killigrew and others did buye at the handes of one Hix, a piratte, certein wines by him taken from the French, properly belonging to Peter Duchemyn and William Le Fevre; forasmuch as Jeffrey Prior, lawfull procurator of the said Duchemyn and Le Fevre is contented, although the sale and buyenge thereof be unlawfull, not to seke the rigor of lawe against them so they may be induced to pay them after the rate of x^{li} the tonne, her Majesties price for wines, which they refuse and will give but vj^{li}, they are required to see the said parties satisfied, orels to assure them that the rigor of lawe in that behalf shalbe extended against them. Pirates' plunder.

Shooting with a pistol.

A letter to Mr. Attorney Generall that where one Joseph Beaste is apprehendid and committed for the shoting of a dagge at a servant of Mr. Hatton's; forasmuch as their Lordships wold be very loth that such an ill example shold be lefte unpunished if it may be proved against him, he is required to send for the said Beaste before him and throughly to examine him, and thereof to make reporte before thende of the Terme, that they may take suche order therein in the Starre Chamber as they shall thincke convenient.

Corrupt dealings with pirates.

A letter to John Dye, Deputie Viceadmirall of Bristoll, accused for the supporting of pirattes and releasing of them for bribes and billes of dette; he is required furthwith to make his apparaunce before their Lordships, and to bring with him such Commissions as he hath ben warraunted by for the dealing in that behalf.

p. 206. The wool trade.

A letter to the Mayour of the Staple that where the dearth of wolles is nothing fallen since her Majesties late Proclamacion, their Lordships being desirous, upon complainte continually made thereof, to have the same redressed, he is required to conferre with some skilfull clothiers and others, and by them to informe himself of the cause of the said dearth and how it may be remedied; and withall to signifie unto their Lordships what noble men or gentlemen in every shiere they shall thinke good to have their letters directed unto for the observacion of such orders as may be set downe to redresse the same, and thereof likewise to informe their Lordships.

A letter to the Governour of the Merchauntes Adventurers of the like tenure for the matter of wolles.

Precautions against the Flushing pirates.

A letter to Sir William Winter and the Judge of the Admiraltie that where, upon sundry complaintes made the last sommer unto their Lordships by diverse of her Majesties subjectes trafficquing into the partes of beyonde the seas into Spaine, Portingall and Barbarye, who were in their voiages spoiled by the Flusshingers, order was given by

Sir William Winter and others that the shippes being redie to go out of the Porte of London shold go toguither in cumpanye better and more substancially manned then before they had donne, and also that they shold advise of some contribucion to be ratablie borne by thowners and merchauntes for the defrayinge of such charges as shold aryse by reason of the increse of more streingth of the said shippes ; forasmuch as complainte is made unto their Lordships by the copper smyth that diverse of them do refuse to pay such parte of the charges as by order taken at that tyme they ought to do, they are required to call the parties refusing before them and to make some resonable ende in the matter, which if they shalbe not hable to doo to advertise in whom the default is.

At Grenewiche, the xxiijth of June, 1577.

Appearances before the Clerks.

This day Nicholas Herbert, esquier, Sherif of the countie of Glamorgan, John Thomas and William Richardes of Cardif, being bounde to appere before their Lordships for matters of piracies, made their apparaunces.

At Grenewiche, the xxiiijth of June, 1577. p. 207.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Bedford.	

An obstinate recusant.

A letter to the Bailif of Westminster and Keper of the Gatehowse, where suite hath ben made in the behalf of Erasmus Wolseley, gentleman, prisoner there for matter in Religion, that in consideracion he is fallen into grete sicknes he might for recoverie of his helth be permytted to go to his howse, their Lordships liking thereof are contented that he be set at libertie, requireng them first to take bandes of him to her Majesties use in the some of v$^{c li}$ that if he shall not

reforme himself in Religion and become obedient to her Majesties lawes betwene this and Mighelmas next, and thereof to procure certificat from the Bishop of the Diocese whence he is, that then upon the forfeicture of the bande to make his apparaunce before their Lordships the first Sterre Chamber day of the next Terme.

Weymouth and Melcombe Regis.

A letter to the Justices of Assises in the countie of Dorsett that where in an Acte of Parliament in the xiijth yere of her Majesties raigne the two townes of Weymowth and Melcombe Regis in the said countie were united and made one Corporacion, since which tyme betwene the inhabitauntes of either towne sundrie jarres have risen concerning certen petie customes c[h]allenged to be proper to either towne, whereupon for the ending thereof the matter was comitted to Mr. Sollicitour, Mr. Plowden, Mr. Anderson and Mr. Phetiplace to examyne the state thereof and their Charters, there was a state of the matter toguither with their opinions set downe and afterward, for a finall ending thereof, committed to them the Justices aforesaid; for that there hath not ben such ende made therein as were convenient, and for the avoiding of quarrels growen amongest them, their Lordships have sent unto them ij persons of either towne sufficientlie instructed in the premysses with such Charters, bookes and papers as are for their better instruction in the same, requireng them forthwith to examyne throughlie the said controversie and for their better light therein to call unto them the persons abovenamyd, and thereupon to make sum finall ende therein acording to justice, that they may be throughlie quietted and their Lordships no furder trobled therewith.

p. 208. An enquiry.

A letter to Sir Thomas Offeley, Sir Rowland Heyward, George Baren and William Kimpton, Aldermen of the Citee of London, to examine a matter in controversie betwene John Eden and John Toppe, and thereof to certifie the truthe with their opinions to their Lordships.

Seditious speeches at Oxford.

A letter to the Justices of Assise in the countie of Oxon that where there was latelie detected before the Vicechaun-

celour of that Universitee of Oxon one Rowland Jenckes, stacioner, for certen sedicious speches by him uttered very maliciouslie, who having ben sent for by their Lordships and examined by the Atturney and Sollicitor Generall, it is thought good by their Lordships that the person of the said Jenkes shold be retornid back againe to Oxford, there to be by them newly examined, and if he shalbe founde guiltie of the facte, then to be proceded against acording to the lawes of the realme ordained in that behalf; they are therefore required to take some paines therein, and substancially to examine the matter to procede against him by lawe upon his desert.

The Musters.

A letter to the Commissioners for the trayninge of shotte in the countie of Leicester that where they desire for the more ease of the countie in levieng of the charge to be imploied for the furnishing and trayninge of shotte within that countie that such as are under v^{li} may be cessed also, they are aunswered that their Lordships are contented that the said charge shalbe extended to iij^{li} goodes and xl^{s} landes in the Subsedie Booke and not under.

Letter of summons.

A letter for the apparaunce of Thomas Ayer and John Skeyrne, to appere before their Lordships immediatlye upon the receipt of the same to aunswer that which is to be objected them.

The works at Berwick.

A letter to the Marshall of Barwick that where he desireth to knowe their Lordships' resolucion for the continuaunce of the Gentleman Porter and Vernon in the oversight of the workes latelie begonne there, he is aunswered they are alredie enterid into those reconinges, and are persons sufficient to discharge the same to her Majesties benefitte; that their Lordships' plesure is they shall not be removed, although Johnson, the old Surveyour, be arryved there and seeketh to enter into that charge, and therefore is willed to forbeare the labour of the said Johnson.

A cargo of salt detained.

A letter to the Mayour and his brethern of Poole, where their Lordships do not a letill mervell that in the matter of

staie of the French shippe laden with salte they wold first
p. 209. receve their Lordships' letter directed both to Sir Henry Assheley and them joinetelie, and he, as Viceadmirall, first named therein, without his knowledge proceaded to thexecucion thereof; and, secondly, the salt being sellered they of the towne do meane to discharge the said Sir Henry and his sonne for (*sic*) furder dealing therein and make their privat comoditie thereof, notwithstanding they wrote that suche parte as could not be preserved thereof should be sould to the best price, and the money to remaine in some honest men's handes to be furth comynge; for that their Lordships are donne tunderstand that the said Sir Henry hath ben at grete charges in redemyng the said shippe from pirattes, it is thought mete that they followe such order therein as the Judge of thadmiraltie shall, under the Seale of his Office, prescribe unto them in that behalf.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie in aunswer unto his of the xixth of this presente, sent to Mr. Secretarie, touchinge the French shippe staied at Poole, signifieng that at the writing of their former letters they understode not that the same was arested by order from the Courte of thadmiraltie, but were informed that the same was donne by Sir Henry Assheley, who had offered, upon his letter, to releace it; at the earnest request of the French Embassadour they wrote unto him not to release the same, but to kepe it in safe custodie till it shold be knowen who were the right owners thereof, since which tyme they are advertised that it is brought into Poole and there sellered; for that it cannot be well preserved he is required to direct downe a Commission out of that Coourte to such indifferent persons as he shall thincke mete to loke to the sale thereof, and shall observe suche order as he shall directe for the better aunsweringe of that which shall appertaine to the right proprietaries.

The religious prisoners on bail.

A letter to the Bishop of London, whereas their Lordships are given tunderstand that Watson, Feckenham and Yong and others, late prisoners for matters of Religion,

suffered for their libertie to remaine in the countrie and some howses of London, have very much abused themselfes in suffering certen of her Majesties evill disposed subjectes to resorte unto them, whom they have perverted in Religion, whereof he is required to have care; and for that by order from the Lord Bishop of Caunterburye and Commissioners Ecclesiasticall sundry of them were enlarged upon bandes and suerties, which either remaine in thoffice or with the Keepers of the prisones where before they were committed, he is required to cause diligent search to be made of all suche as have ben within the space of *——— yeres so set at libertie, and do remaine either in the Citee or in the countrie, and which of them have broken the same; and for that the complainte chiefelie ariseth upon the reporte of the mysbehaviour of those that do remaine about the Citee of London, he is required to take new bandes of the kepers and owners of the howses where they shall for the tyme remaine, to have a due regarde not to suffer any resorte unto them to induce any of her Majesties subjectes in matters of Religion contrary to the lawes of the realme.

At Grenewiche, the last of June, 1577. p. 210.

The Lord Treasourer.	Thearle of Bedford.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The Musters. A letter to the Lord Keper, whereas their Lordships are given tunderstand from sundry shieres of this realme that the nomber of the Commissioners lately appoineted for taking of the Generall Musters was not sufficient to see the service executed in every parte of the shiere, they are willed to forbeare to proceade therein till they shall receave some further order from them; and that their Lordships being enfourmed that at the last tyme of the Generall Musters taken in the xvth yere of her Majesties raigne the Commissions then sent downe were addressed to all the Justices

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which then were in the Commission of the Peace, and that the chiefest care was by certen Instructions then annexed to the said Commissions chiefely commytted to certen especiall persons by them then named, their Lordships have thought good to folowe the same order at this present, requireng him, acording to her Majesties warraunt, to cause new Commyssions to be made for that purpose to all the Justices of Peax which were in the last Commyssions in every shiere, acording to the booke and note sent unto him by their Lordships of the names of the persons as they thought mete to comytte the especiall care unto of the same.

A Somersetshire murder.

A letter to Sir Morryce Barckeley and others, &c., Justices of Peace in the countie of Somersett, that where their Lordships have ben informed there hath ben of late a very fowle murder comitted upon the person of one Moxheade, servant to Thomas Kenne of that countie, esquier, by one Bernard Androwes, late servant to Richard Siddenham, gentleman, who, by reason of some former quarrels with the said Kenne is (as it is thought) saide to have ben privey to the deade (*sic*); forasmuche as their Lordships are given tunderstand that there hath not ben suche diligence used for the apprehencion of the said Androwes, who is now reported to be escaped, as ought to have been, and that the matter hath not ben so particulerlie and substancially examyned as were requisite, theyr Lordships have, for the better furtheraunce of justice, required them before the comyng downe of the Justices of thassises to take some paines therein in examyning the whole cause, and to enforme the Justices thereof at their comyng thither, and to take such order that the persons offending therein may be furthcomyng to aunswer to lawe.

p. 211. Naval expenditure.

A letter to Mr. Gonson, whereas her Majestie by her warraunt hath appointed to be deliverid unto him the some of 2,000*li* to be imploied in the setting forth of three of her Majesties shippes, their Lordships giveth him tunderstand that her Majesties meanyng was that the said prest sholde be equally devided betwene him and Mr. Basshe for the

provision of victuels for the said shippes, requireng him to deliver to the said Mr. Basshe the some of 1,000li to that use.

A letter to the Lieutenant of the Tower for the setting at libertie of one Newton and Petloe of Colchester, presentlye remayning in his charge, taking first bandes of them to her Majesties use for their good behaviour hereafter. Colchester prisoners released.

Another of the like tenure to the Sherif of Essex or Bailif of Colchester, or to any others whom it may appertaine, for one Rowland Mildew.

At Grenewich, the first of Julye, 1577.

The Lord Treasourer. Thearle of Bedford.
The Lord Admyrall. Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.

A letter for the apparaunce of George Fermer and Edwarde De Vines, gentlemen, and to bring with them such bokes, obligacions and evidences as do appertaine unto Jane Conye, late wyfe unto George Conye. Letter of summons.

A letter to the Judge of thadmiraltie that where Nicholas Herbert, esquier, Sherif of the countie of Glamorgan, John Thomas and William Richardes have apperid before their Lordships to aunswer matter laide against them for dealing with pirattes; forasmuch as it is ordered that there shalbe Commysion directed out to speciall persons for the hearing and determyninge of those causes, he is required to take good bandes of them to aunswer thereunto at such tymes as they shalbe called by the said Commyssioners, and in the meane tyme to suffer them to departe home. Piracy in Wales.

A letter to Sir Henry Nevill, knight, William Dunche and Robert Yonge, esquiers, that sith the receipt of their letters with orders taken in the matters of controversie betwene Sir Robert Doilie, knight, and John Marmeon, gentleman, the said Marmeon notwithstanding hath ben still a sewter, p. 212. A futile arbitration.

alleadging that the cawse why he stoode not to their orders was because that the deduction which they had sett downe shold be made out of the money appointed to be paide to Sir Robert Doilie growing out of the proffittes of the farme was not in the said orders made certaine, &c.; their Lordships wisshe that by their frindelie meanes the matter were so endid betwene them, for that the said Marmeon being a poore man might be sumwhat relieved, and their Lordships troubled no more therewith, or either to redeliver him the possession of his farme againe if he be able to furnishe so much as the same shalbe worth, or will performe his promyse touching the prebend (*sic*) which is alleadged he made, orels to take some finall ende in gevinge him some farther resonable some of money towardes the relyvieng of his necessitie and paying of his other creditours, &c.

A peremptory summons.

A letter to Sir Thomas Stannope, whereas their Lordships are crediblie informed that sith the writing of their last letters unto him he hath gonne abrode and hath ben in such helth as it is thought he might have repayred unto their Lordships before this tyme, the same being true, their Lordships do not a letill mervell that he cam not acording to the meaninge of their former letters to aunswer such matter as were exhibited against him by Sir John Zouche and Henry Sacheverell; he is required furthwith to make his repaier hither, and to advertise the other parties thereof that they may lickewise be here at that tyme; since the writing of their letter the Lady Zouche hath exhibited another complainte against him, saying it toucheth her creditt and honestie, and attendeth only here for his comynge to aunswer, therefore their Lordships willeth him to make the more spede.

The Musters.

A letter to the Earle of Huntington, where he wrote his letter to Mr. Secretarie to have the mustering of the horsemen in that countie differred till the first of October next, because that tyme wolde be moost fittest for some consideracions and wold make the better shewe, their Lordships have

referred the tyme to his Lordship and the rest of the Commyssioners, if the same be effectually donne.

Popery in the West.

A letter to the Justices of the Assise in the countie of Cornewall that whereas searche being made in the howse of one Mr. Tregion, a man suspected for Religion, there was apprehendid one Mayne, being entertained as servant to the said Tregion, being a Masse priest, and one Williams, a scolemaster, which did often resorte to the howse of the said Tregion, and in the chamber of the said Mayne were founde Bulles, Indulgences, and divers others relicques used in Poperie, with some declaration of lewde matter prejudiciall to the present state, with a speciall treatise against the Booke of Common Prayers; which thinges their Lordshippes sende to the said Justices, willing them to procede in the examinacion of the matter and admynistring of justice acording to the desert of their factes.

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The Lord Mayor's Court.

A letter to the Lord Mayour of London that whereas he hath committed one Spede to preson for that he wold not stande to his order taken in a matter of controversie betwene Mr. Doctour Dale and the said Spede, their Lordships, upon the submyssion both of the said Mr. Dale and Mr. Speedes wife before them to stande to suche order as shalbe at the next Mighelmas Terme taken by the two Lords Chief Justices and Mr. Attorney Generall, do require him to release the said Spede upon bande that he shall not disturbe the possession of the said Mr. Dale till such tyme as it be ordered by the said Chief Justices and Mr. Attorney Generall what they take the lawe to be therein; and becawse the said Speedes wife hath infourmed their Lordships that she shalbe unprovided of convenient howsing for them and their famylie, even as they have required Mr. Dale to deale with their former landlorde for graunting longer terme unto them, so their Lordships do pray him to do the like for their sakes, &c.

The detained Dutchmen and their maintenance.

A letter to the Viceadmirall of Cornewall that where their Lordships by their former letters gave orders that a

quantite of iron ordenance shold be deliverid unto John Stawell in parte of payment of the charges he disbursed for Cornelis Peters, Mellis Leinsey, Vincent Peters and John Merson and others commytted to his custodie and afterward, and that three tonnes of leade belonging also to the Flusshingers should upon bandes be deliverid unto him; for that he hath staied long for his money, their Lordships are contented that he do permytte him to make sale thereof to his owne use, first praysing it at best valure, and also that he deliver unto him such bandes as he tooke of him for restoring of the said leade.

A private quarrel.

A letter to the Master of the Rolles, Mr. Attorney Generall, Sir Owen Hopton and Sir Thomas Gressham, knightes, or any three of them, that where upon some occasion quarrell hath rysen betwene George and Bonaventure Asshebies and John [Smythe], Sergeaunt at Armes, and his sonnes, for that it is thought it may be a matter of consequence betwene them, they are required to examine as well them as all others that are to be produced as witnesses, and if, upon hearinge of yt they shall finde it to be a ryott, then to advertise their Lordships that presente order may be taken for furder proceding therein.

p. 214. A letter to John Newdigat, esquier, where is complainte being made unto their Lordships that he shold be a dealer in the quarrell betwene the Asshebies and the Smythes, and thereupon sent for, who hath excused it by reason of sicknes, he is notwithstanding required againe that as sone as he shalbe able to travell to make his apparaunce before their Lordships, wheresoever they shall happen to be.

At Grenewiche, the vth of Julye, 1577.

The Lord Treasourer.	Thearle of Bedford.
The Lord Admyrall.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A letter to Mr. Doctor Dale that where there is a matter depending in controversye betwene one Nicholas Harecourte and Innocentie Lucatellie concerning the debt of 500^{li} due to the said Harecourte, which by the Supplicacion inclosed shall appere more at large unto him; for that he recevid from one Meignen a generall quitaunce, as by his owne confession appereth, he agreed with the rest of his creditors, and since hath paide the moost parte thereof, the residue being 155^{li}, or thereaboutes, he refuseth to paye, notwithstanding he is thought of sufficient abilitee thereto; he is required in the behalf of the said Harecourte to that ende to examyne such persons as the said Harecourte shall bring unto him to testifie of the substaunce, habilitee and trade of occupyenge of the said Lucatellye, and thereof, toguither with his opynyon, to advertise their Lordships. A mercantile case.

A letter to the Bailiffes of the towne of Yermowth that where they have apprehendid one of the marryners of Phipson, a notorious pyratt, who cam purposelye thither to hier certen others to accompanye him in his lewde trade of piracie; for that emong other spoiles by him commytted some have ben upon the Scottes, they are required substanciallye to examyne the said partie commytted upon thartickles inclosed in their Lordships' letters, and the same to be put in writinge and sent unto their Lordships with as convenient spede as they may; and if, upon his examynacion taken, they shalbe able to discover any other, they are also required to use their best indevours for thapprehending of them, and thereupon to advertise their Lordships. Charges of piracy.

A letter to the Justices of Assises in the countie of Southampton that where in Februarie last by their Lordships' order there were commytted to the gaole of Winchester one John Day and Thomas Austine upon suspicion of piracie, where ever since they have remayned, they are required at their next Assises there (if there shall not falle out matter to be followed against them) that they may be quytte by Proclamacion and furthwith enlarged from their impryson-p. 215.
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The Incorporation of Wells.

A letter to the Bishop of Bath and Welles; their Lordships understandinge by a peticion exhibited unto them by the Burgesses and inhabitauntes of Welles that, by vertue of an agrement in September last past made betwene his Lordship and them, yt was ordered by the mediacion of Mr. Justice Manwoode that upon the cancelling of suche Letters Patentes as they had before obtayned of her Majestie for an Incorporacion amonge them, and upon the payment of certaine sommes of money to his Lordship or his executors at the lymitacion of the two Chief Justices and Mr. Justice Manwoode, that with his consent it shold be lawfull for them to procure from her Majestie a new Corporacion, with privileges such as shold be sett downe in writinge under the handes of the said two Chief Justices and Mr. Manwoode, which said agrement for that it was not performed by the xxth of Februarye folowinge, being the terme lymyted for the ending thereof, his Lordship, as they are informed, hath withdrawen his consent and doth refuse to continew the composition then made betwene them; he is required, in consideracion that many disorders are growen by means of that controversye within the towne of Welles, to take some order that the same may be endid acording to the first agrement at Mighelmas Terme next, wherein their Lordships do not dowbt but Mr. Manwoode wilbe redy to put to his helping hand for the better furderaunce thereof.

A letter to Mr. Justice Manwoode signifieng unto him the peticion of the Burgesses and inhabitauntes of the Borough of Welles, and that their Lordships are informed that the Bisshoppe of Bath and Welles doth go backe and refuse to stande to the agrement made betwene him and them by the mediacion of himself in September last, and furder he is required to be a meanes once more betwene the said Buisshoppe and them to bring the matter to passe to be endid at Mighelmas Terme next; and for that their Lordships have promysed in their letter to [the] said Bishop that he shold be redye to furder the same by all good meanes, he is required also to be aydinge and assistinge in what he may thereunto.

At Grenewiche, the vjth of Julye, 1577. p. 216.

The Lord Treasourer. Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

The Welsh Court of the Marches.

A letter to the Lord President and Councell in the Marches of Wales that whereas Richard Prince by humble peticion unto their Lordships desyred to be placed againe in the roome of a Counsellour in the Coourte of the Marches, which place he had supplied before, theire Lordships hath signified unto them that they readmytt him to his former place, acording to a mynute remayning in the Councell Chest.

The Dutch herring boats.

A letter to Sir Christofer Heidon and Sir William Buttes, knightes, and Henry Wodhowse, esquier, that whereas their Lordships had heretofore required them by their letters to cawse two busshes, with their furnyture and appurtenances then staied, remayning in those partes to be redelivered to certein Hollanders acording to an order sett downe by the Judge of thadmyralties order, their Lordships are given tunderstand from Mr. Wodhowse, who by the consent of those had the whole delinges therein, that one Richard Boen of Worborne had refused to restore certein cables and other thinges which appertayned to the said shippes; it is signified unto them, or any twoo of them, and so required to call the said Boen before them once againe, and to charge him to restore the said furnyture; upon refusall whereof to take sufficient bandes for his apparaunce here at such tyme as they shall thincke convenient, and to advertise their opynions therein, and what cause he pretendeth to the contrarye.

Piracy in Wales.

A warraunt to the Tresourer and Chamberlaines of the Exchequier for the payment of 100 markes unto Fabian Phillippes, one of her Majesties Councell in the Marches of Wales, for defraying of such charges as the said Phillippes and Thomas Lewes have ben at in the examinacion of certen matters of piracie at Cardiffe in Wales by their Lordships' appointement.

The Council Chest.

A warraunt to the Tresourer of the Chamber for the payment of xiij^{li} vj^{s} viij$_{d}$ unto the Clerckes of the Councell for

paper, pennes, incke, waxe and other necessaries for the Councell Chest for one hole yere endid at the Feaste of St. John Baptist last past, and for iiij^{or} new standishes the sum of xv^{s}.

p. 217. At Grenewiche, the vijth of Julye, 1577.

The Lord Tresourer. Mr. Comptroller.
Mr. Tresourer. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.

A complaint against the Watch. A letter to the Lord Mayour of London that whereas of late one Nyppevill is escaped from the Sergeaunt of the Admiraltie, and is said to have passed throughe the Watche in Thame[s] streate, then appoineted to one Henry Russell and Thomas White; forasmuch as it is thought that they were corrupted with money, he is required, calling unto him the Judge of thadmiraltie, to examyne them touching that matter, and finding them faultie to commytte them to preson, and to certifie their Lordships what they finde thereof.

An arbitration. A letter to the Master of the Requestes for the examyning and ending of a matter in controversye betwene William Waade and William Hearle, gentilmen, concerning certaine sommes of money due by Hearle to the said Waade; which ende being by them made acording to justice and equitie, yf any of the parties shall refuse to agree thereunto, to certifie their Lordships thereof, and in whom the faulte is, that furder order may be taken acordinglie.

Mistress and maidservant. A letter to the Sheriffe of the countie of Chester giving him thanckes for his paines taken in dealing with the Lady Holcrofte for Mary Jones, and againe requyreng him, taking with him Sir Hughe Cholmeley, knight, William Boothe and Raphe Done, esquiers, or any iij or ij Justices, to repaire unto the howse of the said Lady Holcrofte, and in their Lordships' name to demaunde the person of the said Marye, and to deliver her unto Jane Jones, her mother; which if she shall refuse, using daliaunces and delaies, then to enter into her howse and to take away the maide, charging the

said ladye not to faile but to make her apparaunce before their Lordships imediatlye, as she will aunswer to the contrarye at her perill; and in the meane while to examyne the matter substanciallie, and to certifie their Lordships thereof for the better proceding against the said lady at the time of her apparaunce before them.

Seamen from the Cinque Ports.

A letter to the Lord Warden of the Cinque Portes that where their Lordships are informed that her Majesties officers of thadmiraltie, having order for the settinge to the seas certaine of her Highnes' shippes, cam into the Portes for the pressinge of maryners and gonners to serve in the said shippes, where they were not only not assisted, but evill used by the Mayor of Sandwiche; he is required to examyne the abuse and to correct the said Mayour therefore if he shall finde him faultie, and withall to give order that Roger Norwoode, now comynge to presse 120 maryners out of the Portes to serve presentlye in her Majesties shippes at the sea, may be assisted in that behalf, and to that ende his Lordship to send his expresse letters to thofficers there.

At Grenewiche, the xjth of Julye, 1577. p. 218.

The Lord Treasourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Warwicke.	

The manufacture of cloth.

A placard to all Mayours and others, &c., in the behalf of one Pedro de Vaaz, Portingall, that whereas he being lately arrived in this realme hath offered to put in practise certein experimentes for the dying of clothe, &c., and for that cause hath made suite that he might be licensed quietlye and safelye to passe into such partes of the realme where the mysterye of clothing is moost used, their Lordships, being informed that some comoditee is like thereby to grewe to the whole realme, and specially to suche as occupye that trade, not only to suffer him quietly to passe

by them from tyme to tyme as he shall have occation for the cause aforesaid without any staye or troubling of him, but also to assiste him with their best favour and furtheraunce in any thinge he shall require at their handes; provided that the said Pedro or any other in his cumpanye, under pretence of the said licence which shall take place for the espace of iij monithes, shall not during the said tyme do or cause to be donne any thinge prejudiciall to her Majesties estate and quietnes, but behave himself honestly and dutifully towardes her Highnes and subjectes, as he will aunswer to the contrary at his perill.

Enclosures in the North.

A letter to the Lord President of the North that whereas there have repayred hither sundry poore women which have exhibited their Supplicacion unto the Queen's Majestie, the copye whereof they send unto him inclosed, touchinge an inclosure pretended to have ben made by Sir Richard Cholmeley, knight, whereby certen towneshippes and inhabitauntes of that countie are like to be undonne; their informacion being true, the said poore folkes deserve to be pitied and relieved as farre as in lawe might be, for the better knowledge of the trothe and redresse of the said disorder he is required to direct a Commyssion under the Seale of that Coourte to such persons as his Lordship shall thincke meete for the diligent and upright examyninge of the contentes of the said Supplicacion, and, certifyeng what they shall have founde, to send for the said Sir Richard Cholmeley and some of the parties complaynantes, and with both their consentes to take suche order therein as his Lordship shall thinke to be agreable with justice and equytye; and yf any of them shall not rest satisfyed, to certifie then their Lordships what he hath founde and donne therein, and what his Lordship's opynyon is.

p. 219. Western and Welsh Adventurers.

A letter to the Sheriffes and Justices of Peace of the Counties of Devon and Cornewall, whereas the Quenes Majestie being given tunderstand that divers gentilmen and others have in some places of the said counties made preparacions in warlicke sorte to go to the seas, her plesure is,

for that the same is both contrarye to the lawes of the realme and Proclamacions sundrye tymes published in that behalf, that they call, with the assistaunce of the Mayor and hed officers of the said place, all such gentilmen and others before them, and by vertue of their Lordships' letters to charge and comaunde them that they forbeare to rigge or arme out any shippe or vessell, nor departe the realme without order from their Lordships, as they will at their perilles aunswer the contrarye, taking bandes of them to that effect to her Majesties use for the performance thereof; and incase any shall refuse so to do, then to take sum furder order as they shall best devyse that both such persons and shippes be stayed under suer custodye till they shall heare furder from their Lordships; and what they shall have donne to advertyse their Lordships. Western and Welsh Adventurers.

A letter to thearle of Worcester, whereas the Queen's Majestie understandeth that within the counties of Monmowth and Pembrock, and speciallye in the towne of Newporte, there shold be certen shippes prepared to go to the seas in warlick manner by Sir William Morgan of Penycoye, knight, and others, her Majestie hath willed their Lordships to signifie unto him that he do not only staye all such preparacions as he or any others have made in that behalf, but to make his repayer hither to understand furder her Majesties plesure; and albeyt they dowbt not but the said Sir William Morgan, upon receipt of their letters, will see the same accomplished, yet for the better performaunce thereof his Lordship is required to repayre to the towne of Newport or any other place thereaboutes where they shall understand suche preparacion to be made, and to comaund the said Sir William and all others whatsoever not to departe from thence till they shall have furder order from their Lordships; and incase any refusall be made to obey his commaundment, to take order with her Majesties officers and subjectes thereaboutes to take order that both suche persons and shippes may be stayed, and there to remayne under suer custodie till he shall understand her Majesties

plesure; and what he shall have donne therein to signifie unto their Lordships.

A letter to Sir William Morgan of Penicoye, knight, syth his departure from hence and the Citie of London the Queen's Majestie understandeth that he meane to set certaine shippes to the seas, [he] is willed, notwithstanding any former license that he pretend to have ben graunted unto him in that behalf, he shold not only stay such shippes, men and furniture which he or any other have preparid for that voyadge untill he shall understand her Majesties further plesure, and besides, all unnecessarye delaies set aparte, to make his apparaunce before their Lordships, where he shall understand her Majesties further meaninge.

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The Game Laws.

A letter to the Lord Mordant, their Lordships understanding that by occasion of unlawfull hunting by some of his servantes within her Majesties Parke of Brickstock, being under the charge and keping of Mr. Adrian Stokes, two of his said servantes were slaine or in dainger of death, and as it is thought unles some spedie order be taken some further inconvenience may happen, which their Lordships wolde be sorye to understand; he is required to take order that neither himself or any of his frindes or servantes do offer any occasion of quarrell to the said Mr. Stokes or any of his frindes or servantes either ferming in the said Parke or els where, and because their Lordships wold be glad to understand what he is able to saye or excuse of the facte pretended to be donne by his servantes, to make his repaier to their Lordships, where he shall furder understand their Lordships' plesure.

Advowsons in the Isle of Wight.

A letter to one Bradbridge, whereas their Lordships are informed that he hath alredy molested and hereafter minde to troble divers persons within her Majesties Isle of Wight which have heretofore injoyed certen benyfices and ecclesiasticall preferrmentes by her Highnes' presentacion and gifte, under pretence of certen advowsons remayninge in his handes, being as it is thought of letill valew or force when

they shallbe well seen and examyned; he is required upon receipt of their letters to forbeare to procede any further against them in that behalf till he shall understand their further plesure, and because they wold gladlie understand what right and interest he hath thereto, to make furthwith his repaire hither, bringing with him all suche wrytinges and other thinges as he hath to showe for the defence of his pretendid title therein.

At Grenewiche, the xiiijth of Julye, 1577.

The Lord Tresourer.	Mr. Treasourer.
The Lord Admirall.	Mr. Comptroller.
The Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Thearle of Leicester.	

A disputed title in Dufferin.

A letter to the Lord Deputie of Ireland that where John White of the Duffren in that realme, who with his predecessors have enjoyed and ben in possession thereof by the space of these 400 yeres and above, and now the Lord Vicecount Gormeston pretendeth some title to parte of the said landes, and doth minde by force to enter thereupon and to abide the triall thereof by lawe; he is required to call the said Lord Gormeston before him, and to understand whether he intendeth any suche force or not, and acordinglie to deale with him to forbeare to molest the said White in his possession by force, untill by lawe it shalbe determyned whether of them of right ought to enjoye the said lande.

p. 221.

The cloth trade.

Two letters of one tenure, one into Suffolk and the other into Essex, concerninge the tolleracion of the Statute for clothes, requyreng the Justices of either counties to foresee that no clothes be made in waight under the forme of the said Statute, nor stretched above the leingth of xxvij yardes, &c., acording to the mynute remayninge in the Councell Chest.

The Cess in the Pale. A letter to the Lord Deputie of Ireland concerning such as impugne the Cesse sent toguither with certen plottes for the easing of the said Cesse, acording to the mynute, both of the said letter and plottes, remayninge in the Councell Chest.

At Richemond, the xxth of Julye, 1577.

Thapparaunces as before.

The wool trade. Letters sent into sundry shieres of the realme for the restrainte of certen brogers and others disorderly buying and forestallinge of wolles, acording to a mynute remayninge in the Councell Chest.

The practice of archery. Letters sent into all the shieres of the realme for the restoring of bowes and archerye, and reviving of the Statute for artillery made the viijth yere of her Majesties reigne, acording to a mynute remayninge in the Councell Chest.

A tax on alehouses. Other letters sent into all the shieres throughout the realme to inquire what nomber of innes, tavernes and alehowses are in every shiere, for a taxacion to be laide upon them towardes the repayring of the decaied haven of Dover, acording to a mynute remayninge in the Councell Chest.

Two letters, one to the Lord President of the North and the other to the Vicepresident of the Marches of Wales, recomending unto them the matter of archerie, and of the victualling howses for the repayreng of Dover haven, &c., acording to a mynute remayninge, &c.

A summons obeyed. This day Phelip Williams of the countie of Carmarthen, gentleman, being sent for to appere before their Lordships, entered his apparaunce.

p. 222. At Richemounde, the xxiiijth, xxvjth and xxxth of Julye, 1577.

The Lord Admirall.	Thearle of Leicester.
Therle of Warwick.	Mr. Treasourer.

Advowsons in the Isle of Wight.

Henry Bradbridge, being by vertue of their Lordships' letters commaunded to appere for thaunswering of a matter concerning theviction of a benyfice in thisle of Wight, made this day his apparaunce.

A letter to the Captaine of the Isle of Wight signifieng that where there is to be tryed betwene her Majestie and one Henrye Bradbridge concerning a right of a patronadge to a benyfice in that Isle, whereunto at three yeres past her Majestie presented a mynister, since which tyme he hath obtained judgement against the incumbent; for that her Majesties right therein is prejudiced, he is required in their names straightely to charge both the incumbauntes, aswell him that hath been presented by her Majestie as the other presented by Bradbridge, that either of them do forbeare any way to deale or medle in receving of the frutes of the said benyfice, as they will upon their perills aunswer to the contrarye, and in the meane tyme to appointe some such sufficient persons as he shall thincke mete, both to see the cure served as also to have a care that the fruictes may remaine sequestred into the handes of some indifferent persons untill furder order shalbe taken.

A private quarrel.

John Newdigate, gentleman, sent for by letters to appere before their Lordships concerninge a matter of quarrell betwene the Asshebies and the Smythes, entered his apparaunce.

Welsh recruits for Ireland.

A letter to Sir Andrew Corbet, knight, and others of the Councell in the Marches of Wales signifieng unto them that whereas heretofore certein letters were addressed unto them, aswell from the Queen's Majestie as from their Lordships, for the putting of a certen nomber of footemen in redines for her Majesties service in Ireland, if nede shold so require, their Lordships thincking good that they shold followe the order which not long sithence was set downe by the then Lord President of Wales, both for the sorting of weapons and choice of captens; forasmuch as their Lordships are donne to understand that at the same tyme John Salis-

burye was appointed to have the conducting of such as shold be leavied in the counties of North Wales, who at this presente can not so convenientlie be imployed that waies as he then might, they are required to give order that, incase
p. 223. it shall happen the said Lord to send for any of the said nomber out of those partes, that they wold appointe Pierce Salisbury to have the charge which before was assigned unto the other.

The religious prisoners. Letters to the Deane of Caunterbury to receve Doctour Yonge, to the Bishop of Lincolne to receve Doctour Harpesfilde, to the Bishop of Winchester to receave Doctour Watson, to the Bishop of Elye to receave Doctour Feckenham, to remaine with them acording to certen orders sent downe with their Lordships' letters, the copie whereof remayneth in the Councell Chest.

England and Scotland. Letters sent into sundry portes for the taking of bandes of such as shall go to the seas to be of goode behaviour towardes the inhabitauntes of the realme of Scotland, acording to the copie remayning in the Councell Chest.

At Richemond, the first of August, 1577.

Thearle of Bedford. Mr. Comptroller.
Thearle of Leicester. Mr. Secretary Walsingham.
Mr. Tresourer.

Precautions against the Plague. A letter to the Lord Wentworth, Master of the Rolles, and Mr. Lieutenant of the Tower signifieng unto them that for thavoiding of the sicknes likelie to happen through the heate of the weather and assemblies of the people of London to playes, her Highnes' plesure is that as the Lord Mayour hath taken order within the Citee, so they immediatlie upon the receipt of their Lordships' letters shall take order with such as are and do use to play without the Liberties of the Citee within that countie, as the theater and such like, shall forbeare any more to play untill Mighelmas be past, at the least, as they will aunswer to the contrarye.

A letter to the Buisshop of London and the Recorder that wheare one Jonas Meredith was for certein lewde speaches by him uttered latelie apprehendid and committed to the Gate House at Westminster, for that as their Lordships are informed there are within London diverse adherentes of the said Meredith, whose names shalbe deliverid unto them by the bearer hereof, a matter not to be slightlie passed over without punishement, they are required to take order with such persons as the bearer shall nomynate unto them may (*sic*) be apprehendid and brought before them, and them to examyne, and, acording as they shall finde them culpable either to commytte them or to take sufficient bandes of them for their furthcomyng when they shalbe called for; and for their better proceding in this examinacion to use the confession of the said Meredith, and to charge them withall yf there be any alredy taken, if not to send for them thither, and to examyne them particulerlie upon the said speaches. p. 224. Lewd words.

At Richemond, the iiijth of August.

Lord Admirall.	Mr. Treasourer.
Lord Chamberlaine.	Mr. Comptroller.
Earle of Leicester.	Mr. Walsingham.

A letter to therle of Worcester that wheare they do understand by a letter from him of the xxviijth of the last that by vertue of a letter from their Lordships for the staying of such shippes as shold be prepared to the seas in warlick sorte he hath staied aswell the shippe of Sir William Morgan, as also divers others bound to the partes of beyonde the seas, which was not ment in the said letter; his Lordship is therfore desired to take order that such as shall appere to be merchauntes or intende any trade to the seas, as fisshing and such like, be furthwith released, and to reserve such under arrest and none others as shalbe found to be appointed for warres. Welsh Adventurers.

A letter to the Earle of Shrowisburie that wheare they have recevid his letters of the xxvth of July concerning Sir A private dispute.

John Zouche, signifieng his denyeng any premonicion for his apparaunce before his Lordship for the examineng of the
p. 225. quarrell betwene him and Sir Thomas Stannop, his Lordship shall perceve by a copie of an aunswer under his owne hande that he denieth not but that he dealt with him therein, and determined to come had he not ben prevented by sicknes, as he may be throwghlie informed by Mr. Leveret of Newark, whose councell he used for his recovery; and herewith if his Lordship shall not rest satisfied, upon informacion from his Lordship betwene this and the beginning of Michaelmas Terme next, at which tyme they have appointed both him and Sir Thomas Stannop to appere before their Lordships, they will not faile to take furder order therein for his better satisfaction and honour.

Popery in the West.

A letter to the Justices of Assise in the countie of Cornewall signifieng unto them that wheare they are advertised from the Bishop of Exon and others, Justices there, that they had knowledge of certen misdemeanours committed by one Mr. Tregion and others in his howse, contrary to the lawes of this realme in matters of Religion, and thereupon his howse being sought, there was founde the persons of Cutbert, Mayne, Williams and Harris, men notoriously knowen to be ill affected to the godly procedinges of this Estate, where was founde sundry papers, bookes, bulles, *Agnus Dei*, and suche like pernitious trumperies contrary to the lawes of this realme; they have thought good to require them at their next Assises to examyne the said Mayne and the rest, not only thereof but also to understand what others there are of that condicion lurking in this realme, and in what place, and furder to do therein as is contayned in a minute remayninge in the Councell Chest.

A letter to the Bishop of Exon signifieng the referring of the matter concerning Mayne and the rest to the Justices of Assises for the furder ordering thereof acording to lawe and justice, whom he is required to assiste in all thinges which shall tende to the boulting out of the particularities therein of the truth therein (*sic*), and for their furder pro-

ceding with Robert Becket, Richard Tremayne and Fraunces Ermyn, and taking of bandes aswell of them as also of such others as happen to be found out in his Visitacion for their apparaunce here before their Lordships, acording to a mynute remayninge, &c.

Martin Frobisher's voyage.

A letter to the Maior of the Citee of London that where a voiage is taken for a trade to Cathaie wherein her Majestie and their Lordships are venturers, to the grete commoditie of the merchantes of this realme but especiallie of London, they are notwithstanding their adventures given tunderstand that there is yet wanting a grete somme of money which hath ben laid out towardes the setting furth thereof, and that also there are certen lewde speches raised concerning the gaines that shold rise thereon; he is required to deale as effectually as he can with some of the substancials (*sic*) merchauntes of the Citie, not being venturers, to contribute so much therto as may ratablie aunswer the overplus of that which hath ben laide out above the receipts, and furder to do as in a minute remayning in the Councell Chest is contained. p. 226.

Suspected pirates.

A letter to the Justices of Assises in the countie of Southampton that where by order from their Lordships there was committed to the gaole of Winchester, one John Davie (*sic*) and Thomas Austine upon suspicion of piracie, for that they understand that at their last Assises no matter being laid against them, they were quitte by Proclamacion, and yet staied ymagining them to be charged with some furder matter from their Lordships, they are required at their next Assises, if there shall appere no further cause to stay them, imediatlie to release them.

An escaped coiner.

A letter to Sir Thomas Mildmay that where their Lordships understandeth by a former letter from him of the second of this present, toguither with thexaminacions by him taken touching the charging of Henry Chittam of Much Barfieldes for coyning of false money and conjuring; for that by thexaminacion of John Parker and his escape

it semeth him to be guiltie thereof, and therefore to be apprehendid, he is required to make diligent searche within that countie after him; and if he shall understand the same Chittam to be out of the shiere and jurisdiction, to advertise so much unto the officers where he shall understand him to be at, orels to certifie what he shall have found, that furder order may be taken for his apprehencion; and for the clerer of him they are contentid that at his request John Kent shold be bailid, putting in sureties to aunswere to lawe, and to use all the waies he can to apprehend him; touching Thomas Cosse, for that it appereth by examinacion of Pasfield that he was privey to the escape, it is also thought convenient that he shold be apprehendid and thereupon orderid both acording to lawe, desyreng of his doinges to be advertised.

The Black Assize at Oxford.

A letter to the Lord Norries signifieng the receipt of his letters of the xxvijth of the last, wherby they be given tunderstand that Sir Robert Doilie and George Davers, appointed to be Commissioners with his Lordship for the restraining of engrossers of woole, to be deade of thinfection taken at Oxford; for that their Lordships knowe not what Justices of that shiere are at this tyme able to serve that place, he is desired to advise what Justices are fitt for that purpose, and by treatue (*sic*) of their Lordships' letters to call two or thre of them unto him, and to joine with them in thexecucion of such thinges as are recommendid unto them in their Lordships' letters concerning brogers.

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